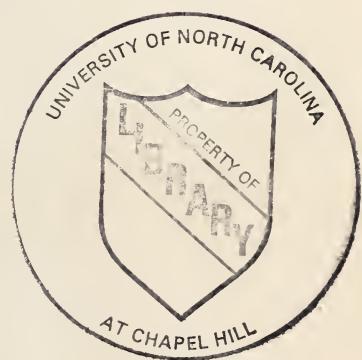


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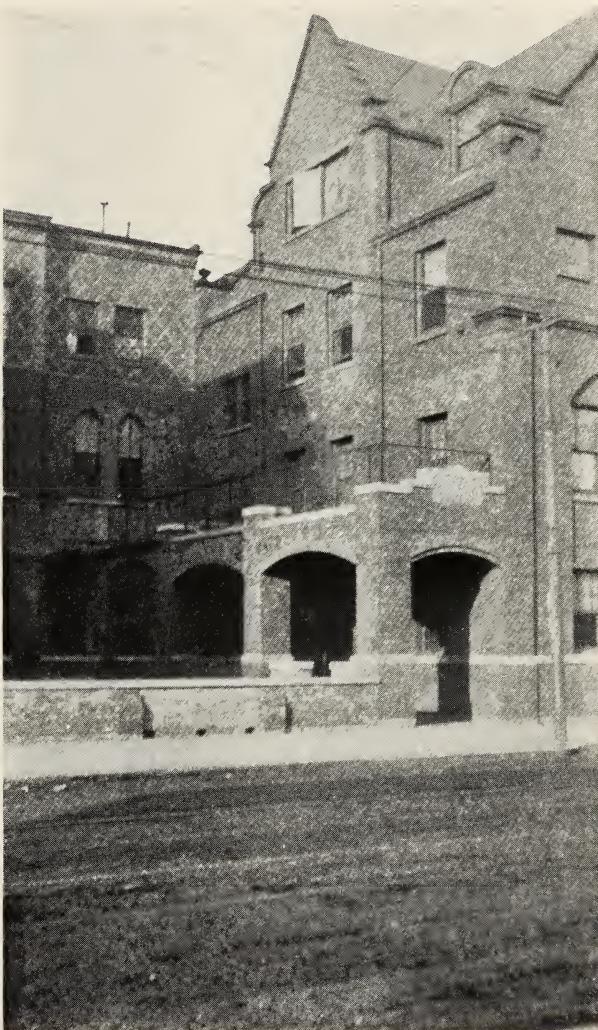
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ENTRANCE TO HULL-HOUSE

## EDITORIAL NOTE

For many years a Bulletin, either annual or quarterly, has been published at Hull-House, announcing the current classes, lectures, plays and club engagements.

It has seemed advisable to substitute for the Bulletin a Hull-House Year Book which should present not only the current activities of Hull-House but also a slight historical sketch of the foundation and development of each department.

In response to many inquiries something of the theories underlying these activities has been added.

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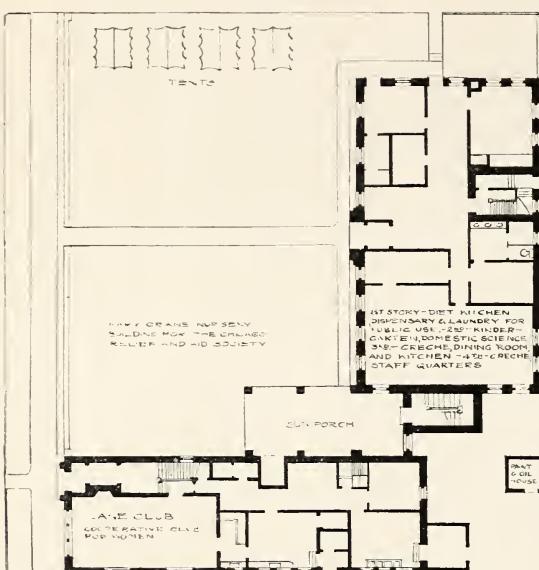
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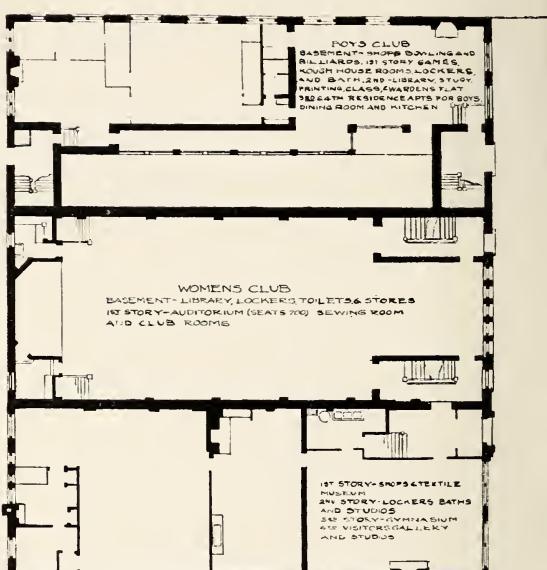
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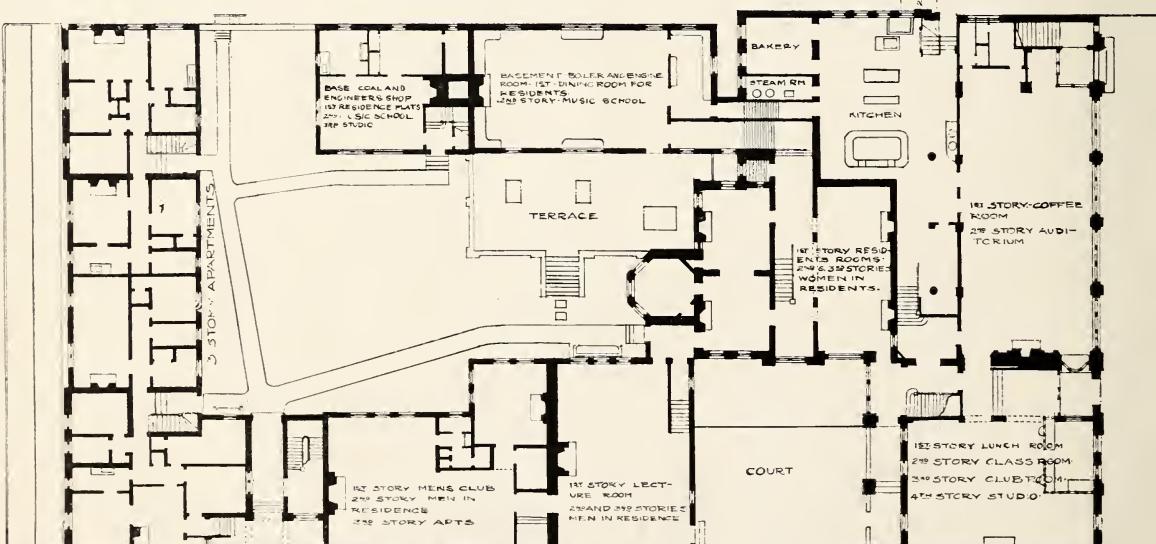
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# Hull-House Year Book

**Purpose of Hull-House** Hull-House, one of the first American settlements, was established in September, 1889. The original two residents, as they then stated, believed that the mere foothold of a house easily accessible, ample in space, hospitable and tolerant in spirit, situated in the midst of the large foreign colonies which so easily isolate themselves in American cities, would be in itself a serviceable thing for Chicago.

There was no legal organization for the first five years but at the end of that time Hull-House was incorporated with a board of seven trustees. The object of Hull-House as stated in its charter is as follows:

To provide a center for a higher civic and social life; to institute and maintain educational and philanthropic enterprises, and to investigate and improve the conditions in the industrial districts of Chicago.

**Hull-House Trustees** The trustees are a self-perpetuating body of seven members, each of whom is elected for a period of seven years. Quarterly meetings are held at Hull-House at which the monthly accounts are presented and interests of the House discussed. The following are the present trustees:

Miss Helen Culver, Mrs. Mary H. Wilmarth, Miss Mary Rozet Smith, Mr. Edward B. Butler, Mrs. J. T. Bowen, Treasurer; Mr. Allen B. Pond, Secretary; Miss Jane Addams, President.

**Hull-House Residents** No university qualification has ever been made in regard to residents, although the majority have always been college people. The expenses of the residents are defrayed by themselves under the direction of a house committee on the plan of a co-operative club. The women occupy quarters in the original Hull-House Building, the men are housed in the Men's Club Building, while the families in residence occupy space in the Hull-House Apartments and in the Boys' Club Building. The following is a list of the residential force for the past year:

Miss Addams, Miss Starr, Miss Lathrop, Miss Benedict, Miss Waite, Miss Gyles, Miss Hamilton, Miss Smith, Miss Hannig, Miss Nancrede, Miss Landsberg, Mrs. Addams, Miss Elsie Smith, Miss Binford, Mrs. Pelham, Mrs. Hamlin, Miss Rich, Miss Anderson, Miss Large.

Mr. and Mrs. Valerio, Mr. and Mrs. Deknatel, Dr. and Mrs. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. Yeomans, Mr. and Mrs. Riddle, Herr and Frau von Borosini.

Mr. Hooker, Mr. Twose, Mr. Le Moyne, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Hazenplug, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Lindin, Mr. Hora, Mr. Brown, Mr. Eaton, Mr. G. Valerio, Mr. Linn, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Hackett, Mr. Forstall.

When vacancies occur applicants for residence who promise to be of value in the settlement are received for six weeks, and at the end of that time are voted upon in residents' meeting. Residents defray their own expenses of lodging and board and are pledged to remain for at least two years.

The force of forty-four men and women are engaged in self-sustaining occupations and give their leisure time to the House. Very few salaries are paid and those only for technical services. Others who live in the apartment house, Dr. Hackett, the Misses Uchtman and Mr. and Mrs. Keyzer, have been most generous and constant with their services, as are Mr. and Dr. Yarros, Dr. Cooke, Dr. Orton and Miss Lund, who have lately moved into the apartments.

One hundred and fifty people come each week to Hull-House either as teachers, visitors or directors of clubs. Many of these, non-residents, give much time and valuable service.

**Information for Visitors** The Bibliography of Settlements published by the College Settlement Association will be sent on request to anyone interested in the history and development of settlements. The allied interests of settlements are best represented in "The Charities and Commons," published in New York and Chicago. The Chicago editor, Graham R. Taylor, has his office at 616 Rookery Building.

**Visiting Day** Visitors desiring to see the activities of Hull-House, are requested to come on Saturdays between 10 a. m. and 10 p. m.

**Total Attendance** Nine thousand people come to Hull-House each week during the winter months either as members of an organization, or as parts of an audience. This attendance varies from year to year only as it is limited by available space. The group of buildings on the block bounded by Halsted Street on the east, Ewing Street on the south, and Polk Street on the north are all used to their utmost capacity. The old homestead of Mr. Charles J. Hull was the first home of the undertaking, the Butler Building was erected in the second year, the Gymnasium and Coffee House Buildings in 1893 and the other buildings have been gradually added. The last one, the Boys' Club Building was formally opened in January, 1907. In each case the new building housed activities which had been organized and tested in smaller quarters for months or years. The residents, however, are convinced that growth either in buildings or numbers counts for little unless the settlement is able to evoke and attract to the House valuable resources of moral energy and social ability from the neighborhood itself, and that the success of the undertaking is largely in proportion as this is accomplished.

**Public Lectures** The college extension courses were established at Hull-House before the University Extension movement began in Chicago, and are not connected with it, although University Extension courses are constantly given at Hull-House and every Sunday evening for five years the Extension Department of the University of Chicago has donated a stereopticon lecture. These are attended by large audiences, chiefly of men. Some of the courses though quite technical in character, such as the course in economic geography by Mr. Goode, are as well received as those upon more popular themes. Every Sunday evening many people are turned away after the eight hundred who fill Bowen Hall have been admitted.

The following is the list of lectures for the last year:

Nov. 11.	"Mexico" .....	Prof. Jackman.
Nov. 18.	"The Making of a Great Newspaper".....	Mr. Little.
Nov. 25.	"Land and Sea of the Mikado's Empire"....	Prof. Toyokichi Iyenaga.
DEC. 2.	"The Philippine Islands" .....	Prof. McClintock.
DEC. 9.	"The Age of Steel".....	Prof. Paul J. Goode.
DEC. 16.	"Cotton as a Social Factor" .....	Prof. Paul J. Goode.
DEC. 23.	"Chicago a City of Destiny".....	Prof. Paul J. Goode.
DEC. 30.	"Analogies between the French Revolution and the Present Russian Crisis" (not illustrated) .....	Prof. Shailer Matthews.
JAN. 6.	"Historic Illinois".....	Prof. Edwin Earle Sparks.
JAN. 13.	"Inauguration of George Washington" ..	Prof. Edwin Earle Sparks.
JAN. 20.	"How Spain Found and Lost America" ..	Prof. Edwin Earle Sparks.
JAN. 27.	"The Plant Life of the Seashore".....	Prof. H. C. Cowles.



Halsted Street view of Hull-House, looking north  
 Apartment House in foreground — Men's Club — Butler Building —  
 Hull-House entrance and Children's Building

FEB. 3. "The Plant Life of the Mountains" ..... Prof. H. C. Cowles.  
 FEB. 10. "The Forest" ..... Prof. H. C. Cowles.  
 FEB. 17. "Athens: The Revival of Hellenism" ..... Prof. Jerome Raymond.  
 FEB. 24. "Rome: The Passing of Authority" ..... Prof. Jerome Raymond.  
 MAR. 3. "Copenhagen: The Progress of the North" ..... Prof. Jerome Raymond.  
 MAR. 10. "Berne: The Triumph of Democracy" ..... Prof. Jerome Raymond.  
 MAR. 17. "Brussels: The Conflict with Clericalism" ..... Prof. Jerome Raymond.  
 MAR. 24. "Madrid: The Evolution of Freedom" ..... Prof. Jerome Raymond.  
 MAR. 31. "From the Alps to Vesuvius" ..... Mr. Lamar.  
 APR. 7. "Mexico" ..... Mr. Beau.  
 APR. 14. "Ireland" ..... Mr. P. Shelley O'Ryan.  
 APR. 21. "Gambling" ..... Mr. M. G. Scheitlin.

**Classes** Classes for adults coming together first upon a social basis and then finally organized for the acquisition of some special knowledge have met at Hull-House for three terms a year during the eighteen years of its history. A lesser number of classes is continued for a fourth term every summer. The most popular and continuous courses have been in literature, languages, history, mathematics, drawing and painting. A helpful supplement of the College Extension courses has been the Summer School which was held for ten years in the buildings of Rockford College, at Rockford, Ill. The sum of three dollars a week paid by each student for board covered the entire expense of the

school; the use of the buildings, including gymnasium and laboratories was given free of rent. A Summer School was held one year at Chautauqua, New York, where special rates were obtained through the kindness of the management. During the latter years the College Extension classes have been modified, for while classes of a purely cultural character are still carried on, such as the Shakespeare Club, led by an instructor from the University of Chicago, and Miss Starr's reading classes in Browning and Dante, for example, the residents of Hull-House feel increasingly that the educational efforts of a settlement should not be directed primarily to reproduce the college type of culture but to work out a method and an ideal adapted to adults who spend their time in industrial pursuits. They hope to promote a culture which will not set its possessor aside in a class with others like himself, but which will, on the contrary, connect him with all sorts of people by his ability to understand them and by his power to supplement their present surroundings with the historic background which legitimately belongs to them. Our experience with large classes of immigrants who wish to learn English has resulted in the collection of a special line of text-books and series of pictures. Special courses of lectures, illustrated by material from the Labor Museum, have also been developed. The following program was issued last December:

#### ADVANCED CLASSES

Browning—Monday, 8 p. m. Miss Starr.

Bible Class—Tuesday, 8 p. m. Miss Starr.

Reproductions of paintings and sculptures will be used in connection with this class.

A Young People's Poetry Class—Varied by studies of great pictures, Thursday, 8 p. m. Miss Starr.

German—Advanced, Thursday, 7-8 p. m. Miss Fuog.

Beginning, Thursday, 8-9 p. m.

French—Tuesday, 8 p. m. Madam Robinson.

Italian—Wednesday, 8 p. m. Signor Valerio.

Elocution—Wednesday, 8 p. m. Miss Borgward.

Mathematics—Saturday, 8 p. m. Dr. E. W. Gray.

Civics—Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. Mr. Krause.

#### SECONDARY CLASSES

Beginner's English—Monday, 7.30 p. m. Miss Hilda Satt.

Beginner's English—Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Miss Elsie Smith.

Second Class in English—Tuesday, 7.30 p. m. Frau von Borosini.

Second Class in English—Friday, 7:30 p. m. Miss Arnold.

Third Class in English—Monday, 7.30 p. m. Miss Large.

Third Class in English—Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Hersman.

Rhetoric and Composition—Tuesday, 7.30 p. m. Mr. Hackett.

Grammar—Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. Mr. Mackenzie.

United States History—Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. Mrs. Krause.

Esperanto—Wednesday, 8 p. m. Dr. Moren.

After the close of the city night schools a group of Hungarians who had been attending the Foster School continued their studies under their own teacher five nights a week for three months.

**Hull-House Shakespeare Club** This Club, which grew from a Shakespeare Class conducted by Miss Starr, completed the twelfth year of its existence last winter with unabated vigor and enthusiasm. The average membership of the Club throughout its history has been forty. They meet in the Hull-House dining room Monday evenings at eight o'clock. The fees of the Club are fifty cents initiation and fifty cents annual dues. New members are desired and may apply to the officers any Monday evening. The officers of the Club are: Mrs. Mary Forrest, President; Miss Bertha Tatch, Vice President; Miss Mary Curtin, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Henry Porter Chandler of the University of Chicago has been the director of the Club during the past three years. The Club gave a reception to Mr. Chandler and his bride on April 23rd, combining it with their usual elaborate celebration of Shakespeare's Birthday, and making of it the chief social event of the winter. In the autumn however, the Club had presented a very interesting program of Shakespeare's plays, rendered by Mr. Clyde W. Stephens, and a scene from *Hamlet*, read by Mrs. Jennie Folsom Morrill. The plays selected for study last year were the *Comedy of Errors*, *King John*, *Cymbeline*, *Julius Cæsar*, *Hamlet* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*. The evenings were given to informal readings and discussion of the plays on the schedule and only a few set papers were assigned. The Club has been very fortunate in securing lectures almost every winter by Mr. G. R. Moulton, Miss Myra Reynolds, Mr. Herrick, and other members of the Department of English of the University of Chicago. Miss Julia Marlowe is an honorary member of the Club and almost invariably meets the members during her stay in Chicago.

**Hull-House Electrical Club** This Club met in a room of the Labor Museum every evening except Sunday through the past year.

President, Mr. Archibald McDonald.  
Vice-President, Mr. Joseph Marsolais.  
Secretary, Mr. Edward Fotre.  
Assistant Secretary, Mr. George Voris.  
Treasurer, Mr. Frank Keyser.

The program of study was as follows:

Monday, 8 p. m. Laboratory Practice. Mr. McDonald.  
Tuesday, 8 p. m. Lecture in Elementary Electricity. Mr. F. H. Lane.  
Wednesday, 8 p. m. Machine Shop Practice. Mr. Charles Nemic.  
Thursday, 8 p. m. Mechanical Drawing. Mr. George Twose.  
Friday, 8 p. m. Lecture in Elementary Electricity. Mr. F. H. Lane.  
Saturday, 8 p. m. Machine Testing.

During the coming year the Club will occupy a room of its own, having moved its apparatus into the room formerly occupied by the Studio. The Club membership consists of men who are occupied in electrical occupations and has shown a steady growth from its first meeting.

**People's Educational Institute of Chicago** This institute held sessions for four evenings a week at Hull-House during last winter. On Monday evening classes in literature were conducted by Miss Roth, and in biology by Prof. M. C. McEchern; on Wednesdays lectures were given on physiology by Prof. McEchern; Fridays lectures were given in industrial history and sociology by Mr. and Mrs. Simons; on Saturdays classes in history by Miss Bennett and advanced literature by Mr. Richardson. The Institute also conducted a series of lectures on Sunday evenings of which the most successful in point of attendance was by Prof. Geo. E. Vincent of the University of Chicago upon "The New Social Philosophy."



End of Textile Room — Labor Museum

**Labor Museum** Several of the Hull-House educational enterprises have developed through the effort made to bridge the past life in Europe with American experiences in such wise as to give them both some meaning and sense of relation. The Hull-House Labor Museum was in the first instance suggested by many people in the neighborhood who had come directly from country places in southeastern Europe in which industrial processes are still carried on by the most primitive methods. It was not unusual to find an old Italian woman holding a distaff and spinning with the simple stick spindle which had certainly been used in the days when David tended his sheep at Bethlehem. We found in the immediate neighborhood at least four varieties of these most primitive methods of spinning and at least three distinct variations of the same spindle put in connection with wheels. It was possible to arrange these seven methods into historic sequence and order, and to connect the whole with the present method of factory spinning. The same thing was done for weaving, and on every Saturday evening a little exhibit is made of these "various forms of labor" in the textile industry. Within one room the Syrian, the Greek, the Italian, the Slav, the German and the Celt enable even the most casual observer to see that there is no break in orderly evolution, if he look at history from the industrial standpoint. As the occupation itself is cosmopolitan, adapting itself merely to local conditions and materials, so it is possible to connect this old-time craft with the garments of the department stores, quite as the simple human experience of the immigrants may be made the foundation of a more inclusive American life. The young people who work in the factories also are given some knowledge of the material which they constantly handle. The museum contains carefully arranged exhibits of flax, cotton, wool and silk, and in addition to the textile

implements, it exhibits the earlier products in various countries. Much valuable material has been collected by the Field Columbian Museum. The classes in dressmaking, millinery, cooking and embroidery are held in the exhibition room. Their interest in this historic background has been most gratifying, and certainly the best education cannot do more for any of us than constantly to reconstruct our daily experience and give it a relation to the past.

**Arts and Crafts** Closely identified with the Labor Museum and the classes in pottery, metal work, enamel and wood carving, is the Chicago Arts and Crafts Society which organized at Hull-House. Several members of this society are living in the buildings on the Hull-House Quadrangle. These artists find something of the same spirit in the contiguous Italian Colony that the French artist is traditionally supposed to discover in his beloved Latin Quarter.

**Hull-House Studio** Miss Benedict, one of the earliest Hull-House residents, has been in charge of the studio since 1893. Successful classes in drawing, modeling, painting and lithography are continued year after year. The studio has been moved three times in search of adequate space and it is hoped that its final quarters have been reached. The removal of the Music School to its new quarters frees the top floor of the Children's House which the Music School has occupied for many years. This has been remodeled into a studio, thus giving more room to a department seriously cramped for space. The old studio in its turn is used for the headquarters of the Hull-House Electrical Club.

Occasional art exhibits have always been held at Hull-House and the response to excellence in matters of art has always been gratifying.

**Art and Technical Classes** Following is the list of classes offered last year:  
*Reproduction Club*.—Lithography, linoleum prints, etching, etc.,

Studio, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

*Sketching*.—Studio, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Mr. Tyler.

*Children's Drawing Class*.—Saturday, 10 a. m. in Kindergarten. Miss Wiener and Miss Edwards.

*Children's Modeling Class*.—Tuesday, 3:30 p. m.; Friday, 3:30 p. m. Miss Antoinette Grenier.

*Drawing*.—Studio, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Miss Benedict.

*Painting*.—Studio, Saturday, 2 p. m. Miss Benedict.

*Printing*.—Boys' Club, Saturday, 7:30 p. m. Mr. Tyler.

*Pottery*.—Shops, Saturday, 7 p. m. Miss Uchtrman.

*Modeling*.—Shops, Saturday, 7:30 p. m.

*Metal Work*.—Shops, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Mr. Frank Hazenplug. Fee \$1.50 for ten lessons.

*Metal Work*.—Shops, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Mr. Frank Hazenplug. Fee, \$1.50 for ten lessons.

*Dressmaking (beginners)*.—Textile Room, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Keyser. Fee, \$1.00 for ten lessons.

*Dressmaking (advanced)*.—Textile Room, Friday, 7:30 p. m. Fee, \$2.00 for ten lessons.

*Millinery*.—Textile Room, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Miss Christy. Fee, \$1.50 for ten lessons.



End of Kitchen — Showing Primitive Implements

*Millinery*.—Kitchen, Saturday, 7.30 p. m. Miss Christy. Fee, \$1.50 for ten lessons.

*Cooking (school children)*.—Kitchen, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 4 p. m. Mrs. Addams.

*Cooking*.—Kitchen, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 7.30 p. m. Mrs. Addams. Advanced; Fee, \$1.00.

*Spinning*.—Textile Room, Saturday, 10 a. m.

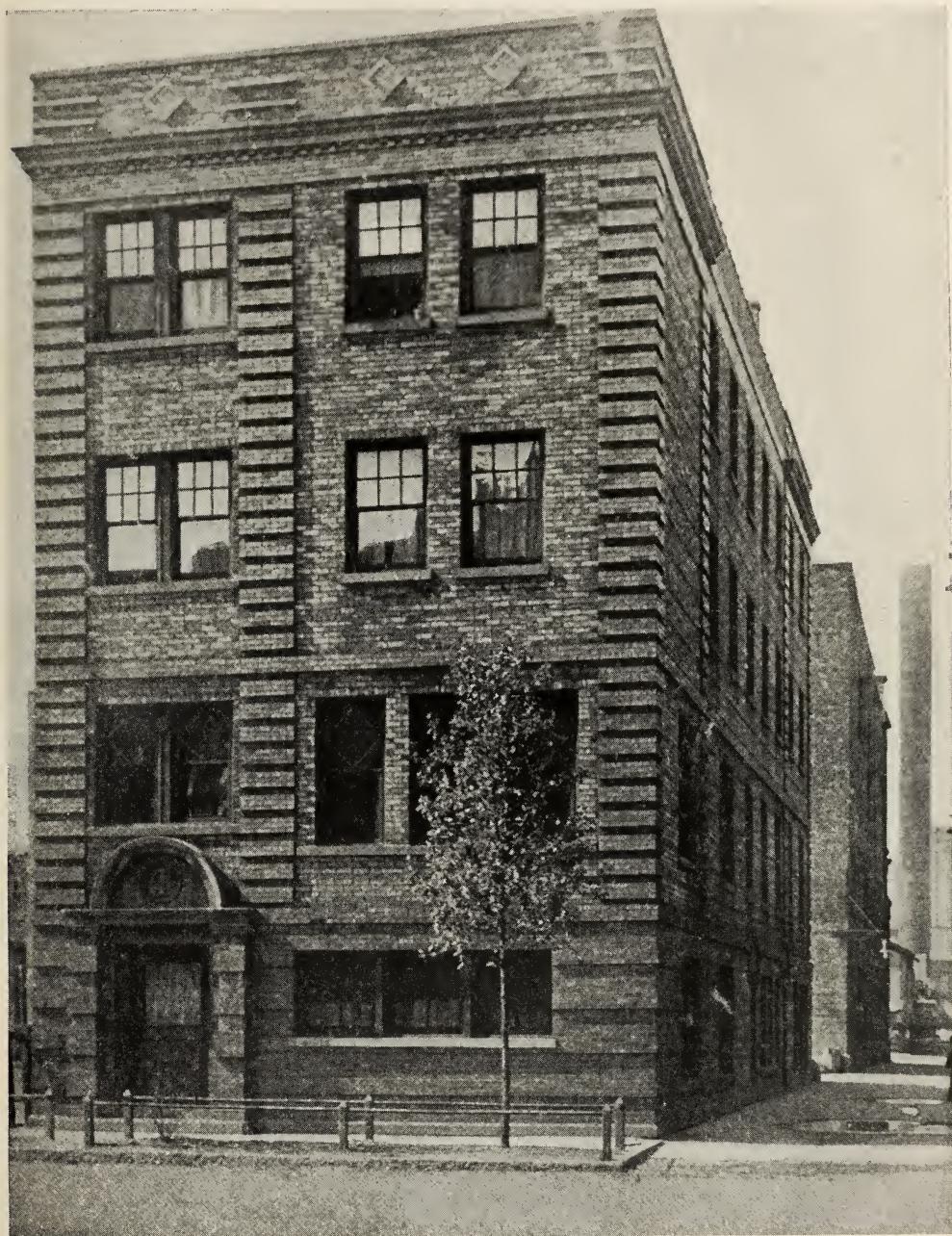
*Weaving*.—Textile Room, Saturday, 3 p. m.

*Needlework*.—Textile Room, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7.30 p. m. Miss Hannig. \$1.00 for ten lessons.

**Hull-House Shops** An outgrowth of the arts and crafts classes, although not directly connected with them, are the Hull-House shops. These are self-supporting and are quite distinct from the museum, although occupying the same space.

The textile shop is under the direction of Mrs. Addams and at present it employs the entire time of Mrs. Brosnahan, Mrs. Olivete, Mrs. Matilde Vite and Miss Sorenson. The spinning and weaving have been both in flax and wool, the products including woolen blankets and drapery, towels in patterns, and rugs.

The force of the metal shop includes Mr. Fogliati, who works in metal and enamel, and Mr. Giuseppe Montenegro, who works in wood. Mr. Hazenplug furnishes many of the designs. The pottery shop is under the direction of Miss Uchtman. The most constant worker is Herr Franz Schmall. The demand for the products from all the shops has been most encouraging.



Jane Club

**Jane Club** The Jane Club, a co-operative boarding club for young women, was established in 1891. The Club has been, from the beginning, self-governing, the officers being elected by the members from their own number, and serving six months gratuitously. The two offices of treasurer and steward require a generous sacrifice of leisure time, as well as a good deal of ability from those holding them. The weekly dues of three dollars, with an occasional small assess-

ment, have met all current expenses of rent, service, food and heat. There are various Circles within the Club for social and intellectual purposes and the atmosphere of the house is one of comradeship rather than of thrift. The Jane Club nine years ago moved into a house built expressly for its use. This provides bedroom space for thirty members, twenty-four of them single rooms, with a library, a living room, and a dining room large enough to use for social gatherings. The rent paid by the Club to Hull-House serves as an endowment for the Children's House. Following is the list of officers for the past year:

July 1st, 1906—July 1st, 1907.	Elected since July 1st, 1907.
President....Miss Pauline Roessler	President....Miss Wrightman
Vice President.Mrs. Katheryn Levine	Vice President.Miss McCarthy
Secretary....Mrs. Esther Cohn	Secretary....Miss Moore
Treasurer....Miss Catherine Clark	Treasurer....Miss K. Clark
Librarian....Miss Sarah Hollander	Librarian....Miss Sullivan
Stewardess...Miss Margaret Callahan	Stewardess...Miss Callahan
Arbitration Committee:	Arbitration Committee:
Miss Katherine O'Grady	Miss Katherine O'Grady
Miss Margaret O'Grady	Miss Massa
Miss Helen D. Massa	

Elizabeth Reazin, a member of the Jane Club for ten years, died in her room at the Club on April 26th, 1907, after a very short illness of pneumonia. Miss Reazin was a teacher in the kindergarten of the Medill School, and had taught as usual on the 24th of April. The tributes paid by the mothers of her little pupils were most touching, and their recital of her many kindnesses revealed a relation of neighbor and friend reaching far beyond that of the school room. In the words of one of the mothers "It was just the human soul in you that she cared for."

Brief funeral services were conducted at the Club House by Dean Sumner of the Cathedral.

**Miss Starr's Bindery** The bindery, in the building with the other shops, is occupied by Miss Starr for her personal work and for her private pupils. The time necessary for acquiring proficiency, and the expense of the equipment and material makes it impracticable to teach handicraft book-binding in classes on the basis of shop instruction. Miss Starr, however, opens the bindery on Saturdays to visitors, and it may thus be considered a part of the "labor museum."

**Culver Club** The Culver Club is a residential club of working boys who occupy the two upper floors of the Hull-House Boys' Club Building. The upper stories were built to accommodate a residential club of thirty. The Club is self-sustaining, the ages of members are limited by the constitution to the years between fifteen and twenty. The members have been most generous in their services to the social life of the Boys' Club House. Their officers are elected every six months and the first two election results are as follows:

President.....Mr. Hart	President.....Mr. Burnell
Vice President..Mr. McGowan	Vice President..Mr. Winters
Secretary.....Mr. Prall	Secretary.....Mr. Hart
Treasurer.....Mrs. Riddle	Treasurer.....Mrs. Riddle



Entrance to Hull-House Quadrangle—Showing Jane Club in the distance

The Culver Club spent the week ends during the summer at a house in Winnetka. Each member went to Winnetka directly from his work on Saturdays and returned directly to it on Monday morning. As the entire menage was removed to Winnetka every Saturday and the quarters of the Culver Club were closed, the outings were of no extra cost to the members beyond the carfare. The Club has given two dancing parties during the year to friends of the members, and from its own membership has organized a bowling team and a baseball team.

Owing partly to the fact that several of the Culver Club boys formerly lived at Allendale Farm, the Allendale Farm Alumni Association holds its monthly meetings in the Club House.

**Hull-House Men's Club** This club was organized in 1893, and at that time incorporated under the state laws. It rents quarters from Hull-House for its own exclusive use, and these are open for the members and their guests every day and in the evening until eleven o'clock. The Club is composed of young men over twenty-one years of age. The membership is usually about one hundred. Its quarters are furnished with billiard and pool tables, a meeting room, shower baths, and a reading room with periodicals and a small library. The aims of the Club are both recreative and educational, and as a large majority of the members are of voting age, from the time of the Club's organization, it has taken an active interest in all elections.

In the past year a committee has been active in measures designed for improving the neighborhood, and hopes to obtain a small park on Ewing Street.

Several plays have been given, two of which have been written by the members themselves. Debates are held every other week. These are usually between the members in their own quarters, but occasionally public ones with some outside club are held in the auditorium. Some of the subjects debated are: Socialism, Trade Unions, The Trusts, The Open Shop, The Negro Question, Free Trade, Municipal Ownership, Popular Election of Senators, Civil Service, the Relative Advantage of Trades and Professions, and other subjects. A Club paper is written by the members and read at the monthly meetings. The affairs of the Club are discussed and experiences of individual members are often most interesting.

Dances are also an important feature of the Club's activity. Last year the Club held dancing parties on October 27th, November 24th, January 26th, February 23rd, April 27th, and May 25th. They were usually held the last Saturday of the month, in Bowen Hall. An orchestra of four or five pieces furnishes the music, and the attendance averages three hundred people. They are managed by a Dance Committee elected by the Club, and the wardrobe charge usually pays the expenses. During the summer picnics and excursions are often organized and the Club has a baseball team of its own.

Business meetings are held every other Friday evening. Following is the list of members holding office during the past year:

<i>President</i> .....	John Horowich.
<i>Vice President</i> .....	Samuel Merribaum.
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Edward Coplan.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	L. B. Greenburg.

*Directors—*

L. V. Le Moyne,	W. Nochumson,
W. W. Gibson,	L. Alter,
	P. Mills.

**Hull-House Woman's Club** The Hull-House Woman's Club, organized in February, 1891, with twelve members and now numbering four hundred and fifty, has completed its sixteenth year of work. The Club is housed in a building of its own, in which it has exclusive control of the library and sewing room, although the large hall which seats eight hundred people is used for many other purposes. The average attendance has never been so large as last year, and a gathering of three hundred and fifty women is not unusual for a Wednesday afternoon. The Year Book, which is issued in advance each September, shows a full program of lectures on current topics by well-known speakers, discussions by club members, and musical afternoons by the Club's own chorus. The programs have been varied and interesting, and out of the forty-three given last year, twenty-eight were furnished by the members of the Club. The activities of the Club are systematically divided into committees. Among its public-spirited

enterprises is the support of a linen chest, which was established after the death of Mrs. Stevens, a former president, as a memorial to her, and, as such, is kept filled with all sorts of garments for the sick and poor of the district. The chest was filled and emptied many times last year, and the contents distributed by the trained nurse. The Woman's Clubs of Tuscola, Illinois, and of Sterling, Illinois, send annually a generous box of linen for the chest. It was voted on May, 1906, to increase the club dues from fifteen to twenty-five cents per month and to devote the sum thus gained to the support of a visiting nurse who lives at Hull-House. This position was ably and acceptably filled by Miss Bessie Spilman, who was on duty from October 1 to August 1st; at the latter date the position was taken by Miss Elsie Lund, who has already won a place for herself in the neighborhood.

Very early in its history the Club formed what is called a "Social Extension Committee." The Club, acting through this committee, gives a party to those neighbors who for any reason are without much social pleasure. During the last year more than two thousand people (no guests under sixteen are invited) were entertained at these parties. Last year these Neighborhood Parties were given October 9, November 20, December 11, January 22, February 26, March 27 and May 21. Music and dancing followed by refreshments always make up the program.

The Club contributes to the Vacation Schools and to the Juvenile Court Committee and sends delegates to the Illinois State Federation of Woman's Clubs, to the Cook County League of Woman's Clubs, and to the Mothers' Congress of Illinois. In order to raise money for its public charities, benefit entertainments, which are always largely attended and greatly enjoyed, are given each year by the Entertainment Committee of the Club. At the most successful one last year one hundred dollars was raised, with which the Club paid its annual subscription to the Vacation School Fund.

The Outing Committee gave a picnic at Glenwood Park on August 3d, and two evening receptions were held during the year, one on November 13, 1906, and one May 14, 1907.

The Hull-House Woman's Club Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Frank M. Jefforts, has fifty-five members. They attempted this year more ambitious entertainments, and gave with much spirit and enthusiasm, a Japanese operetta, which was so well received that it was found necessary to give it a second time. The chorus has contributed music to various entertainments given by the Club and has sung by invitation several times during the year at other clubs throughout the city.

The Club library has 1,927 volumes, to which many new and valuable books have been added this last year. A magazine department has been begun, and the current weeklies and monthlies are to be found in the library and are loaned to members of the Club. The library is managed by a special committee with an exact though simple library system.

The Visiting Committee, that looks after those who are ill, has made a hundred and fifteen visits and sent delicacies and flowers in many instances. The Home Committee has served refreshments eleven times during the year and has given much time to keeping the Club kitchen in order. A large punch-bowl for lemonade and a coffee boiler have been added during the year to the Club possessions.

The reception given by the president to the members of the Club and their husbands was held January 3d. About nine hundred were present. As no single building was large enough to hold so many, there was dancing in the Woman's Club Hall, moving pictures in the gymnasium, and supper in the Coffee House, each guest participating in all. The President's reception was as usual the most enjoyable social event of the entire year.

The Woman's Club has co-operated for many years in arranging for the Old Settlers' Party, which has been held at Hull-House every New Year's Day for seventeen years.

**Woman's Club** The first Wednesday in May of each year is known as the Children's **May Party** May Party, and is one of the happiest occasions of the Club. Only members and their children are bidden and six or seven hundred are always provided for. An entertainment of songs and magic or some other diversion is followed by the May Pole Dance, which is the feature of the day. Sixteen children, eight boys and eight girls dressed in white, successfully give the rather intricate figures, to the great delight of the assembly. A grand march led by the little dancers is the next event, and finally ice cream and cake are served, and sometimes small favors are given each young guest. Last May the eighth May Day was observed, and it is certain that whatever customs may lapse, the May Party will last while the Club stands.

The election of officers took place on May 22d with the following result:

Mrs. Louise de Koven Bowen.....	<i>President.</i>
Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham.....	<i>First Vice-President.</i>
Mrs. Annie Richardson .....	<i>Second Vice-President.</i>
Mrs. Inez Rogers Deach .....	<i>Third Vice-President.</i>
Mrs. Sarah Jacobs .....	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
Mrs. Helen Elmers .....	<i>Corresponding Secretary.</i>
Mrs. Annie Gegenheimer .....	<i>Treasurer.</i>

*Executive Committee—*

Mrs. Wickerski.	Mrs. Fyffe.
Mrs. Cronich.	Miss Addams.
Mrs. Lehman.	Mrs. Britton.
Mrs. Murphy.	

The program for last year is appended; the program for the current year may be obtained by application at the Club library.

- SEPT. 5. Opening Social.
- SEPT. 12. The General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin.
- SEPT. 19. Truancy in Chicago. The Department of Compulsory Education, W. L. Bodine; A Special Investigation of Truancy, Mrs. Gertrude H. Britton.
- SEPT. 26. City Institutions. Newberry and Public Libraries, Miss Manchester; The Field Museum, Mrs. Elmers; The Art Institute, Mrs. Greenwood; The John Worthy School, Mrs. Batcher; A Great Department Store, Mrs. Jacobs.
- OCT. 3. How to Interest Children in Music. Mrs. Eva Trew.
- OCT. 10. New Zealand. A land without strikes, and where the old people are pensioned. (Illustrated.) Dr. Emily B. Ryder.
- OCT. 17. Problems of the Crowded Districts. Better Housing, Mrs. Keller; Clean Streets and Alleys, Mrs. Greenfield; Small Parks and Play Grounds, Mrs. Brundage, Jr.; The Food Supply, Dr. Rasmussen.

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Oct. 24. Reports of Delegates from the State Federation. A musical program under the direction of Miss Irene G. Briggs.

Oct. 31. Thimble Party for the Mrs. Stevens Linen Chest.

Nov. 7. Jean Valjean. A character in fiction. (Illustrated.) Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones.

Nov. 14. The Milk Problem. Mrs. Mary Redfield Plummer.

Nov. 21. The Largest Selfishness. Mr. George E. Vincent.

Nov. 28. On Both Sides of the Russian and Japanese War. (Illustrated by stereopticon and moving pictures.) Mr. Richard Henry Little.

DEC. 5. Patent Medicines. Miss Alice Hamilton.

DEC. 12. Hull-House. A Symposium. The Music School, Miss Smith; The Coffee House, Mrs. Valerio; The Children's House, Mrs. Britton; The Gymnasium, Miss Gyles; The Textile Room, Mrs. Addams; The Boys' Club, Mr. Riddle.

DEC. 19. Library Day. Favorite Characters in Fiction and History. Mrs. Jennie Weyker, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Bromley, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Bowen.

DEC. 26. A Talk on Tuberculosis. Mrs. Lenora Hamlin.

JAN. 2. The Contents of a Notion Counter. Mrs. T. A. Busby.

JAN. 9. The Work of the Juvenile Court. Work of a Probation Officer, Hugo Krause; Probation Work, Minnie Low.

JAN. 16. Musical Program under the direction of the Hull-House Woman's Club Chorus.

JAN. 23. The Next Duty. Mrs. Otto Matz, Mrs. Coonley Ward.

JAN. 30. The Work of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society. Mr. Sherman Kingsley.

FEB. 6. Industrial Betterment. Trades Unionism, Miss Fitzgerald; Welfare Work, Miss Hoblitt; Factory Legislation, Mrs. Pelham; Child Labor Legislation, Miss Addams.

FEB. 13. The Songs of Yesterday. Illustrated with songs by the chorus. Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham.

FEB. 20. Some Educational Problems of Adolescence. Mr. James Rowland Angell.

FEB. 27. Mexico. (Illustrated.) Mrs. Louise de Koven Bowen.

MAR. 6. Current Events. Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Lowe, Miss Celia Brown, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Bowen, Miss Driscoll.

MAR. 13. A Domestic in a Democracy. Mrs. Raymond Robins.

MAR. 20. Possibilities in City Gardening—Door Yards, Mrs. Cornish; Window Boxes, Mrs. Speth; School Gardens, Mrs. Geelsmark; Street Spaces, Mrs. Wickerski.

MAR. 27. Talk on Domestic Science. Mrs. Tom. Benson.



Polk Street view of Hull-House, looking east  
 Boys' Club in foreground — Facade of Woman's Club — of Building for Shops and Gymnasium —  
 of Building for Theatre and Coffee House and of Children's House

APR. 3. Industrial Day. Program under the direction of the Industrial Committee. Miss McDowell will be the guest of the Club.

APR. 10. The Home Needs for its Protection: Women on Health Boards, Mrs. Fyffe; Woman's Municipal Vote, Mrs. Richardson; Women on School Boards, Mrs. Hallowell; Women in the Police Department, Mrs. Forrest.

APR. 17. Interesting Contemporaries. Booker T. Washington, Mrs. Sparling; John Burns, Mrs. Millett; Marconi and Koch, Mrs. Burdick; John Mitchell, Mrs. Bolland; Rudyard Kipling, Mrs. Lillie Allott.

APR. 24. Count Tolstoy's Theories and the Russian Revolution. Miss Jane Addams.

MAY 1. Children's Annual May Party.

MAY 8. Nomination of Officers. Session begins at 2 o'clock p. m.

MAY 15. The Chicago Public Schools. High Schools, Mrs. Kate Creed; Elementary Schools, Mrs. Nellie S. Gilbert; Vacation Schools, Mrs. Deach; The Schools as Neighborhood Centers, Mrs. Gegenheimer.

MAY 22. Annual Election of Officers. Musical Program. To be arranged.

MAY 29. Memories of '61. Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Tilden, Mrs. Margaretta Brown, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Isabel Wilson. Dr. Julia Holmes Smith will be the guest of the Club.

JUNE 5. Dr. Julia Holmes Smith.  
 JUNE 12. Purity. Mrs. Teets.  
 JUNE 19. Old Tales Retold. Mrs. Ida Benfey Judd.  
 JUNE 26. Closing Social. Annual Contribution to the Linen Chest.

**“Old Settlers” Party** The Old Settlers who attended the New Year’s Party this year were much interested in a picture of Hull-House which attempts to reproduce the house and grounds as they were in 1856, the year Mr. Hull built his homestead. The picture was painted by Mr. Carl Lindin from a general description given him by Miss Helen Culver. During the meeting the details of the picture were discussed by many of the older residents who remembered the early house, and some minor corrections were made. This afternoon was almost turned into a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the building of the house. The picture has been permanently placed over the inner side of the entrance door, and the fine old original “front doors” of the house have been preserved for a screen.

**Boys’ Club** The Hull-House Boys’ Club of one thousand members occupies its own building, equipped with bowling alleys, billiard tables, athletic apparatus, shops for work in iron, wood and printing, a library, a study room, a game room and class rooms. The house is open to members every day from three to ten P. M. and its preservation and good order are carefully guarded by the Club members themselves. Admittance to the Club is by ticket, issued by Mr. Riddle, the resident director.

The age of membership is from twelve to twenty years. The bowling alleys and billiard room are open only to members over sixteen. There are at present three organized bowling teams, in addition to the general bowling and practice. Several exhibition games in billiard playing were given each month, and some twenty match games of checkers.

The Club building was opened in February, when the following program was successfully instituted. It is to be elaborated next year.

#### SHOP AND FOUNDRY.

Shop, two nights each week.....	Mr. Dennis
Shop, two nights each week.....	Miss Uchtmann
Foundry, three nights each week.....	Mr. Fisher

#### INSTRUCTIVE CLASSES.

Current Topics’ Club.....	Mr. Whitehead
English Class.....	Miss Lake
English Class .....	Mrs. Riddle
Short-hand Class.....	Miss Tobit
Two Typesetting Classes .....	Mr. Tyler
H. H. B. C. Quarterly Paper printed by the Club.....	Mr. Richardson
Parliamentary Law (for officers of Clubs).....	Mrs. Pelham
Civics Club (special study of the city).....	Mr. Hooker
City Statuary and Monuments Club (Artistic and Historical) .....	Miss Thompson
Experimental Chemistry .....	Mr. Hora
Business Methods, directed each week by a business man.	



Library — Boys' Club

## History Classes:

Irish History, with stereopticon .....	Mr. Hackett
Italian History.....	Mr. Cadovani

## ATHLETICS.

Wrestling Instruction .....	Mr. Lott
Boxing Instruction .....	Mr. Lott
General Apparatus.....	Mr. Valerio

## ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASSES.

Two classes in Metal (simple cutting and riveting, candlesticks, etc.) .....	Miss Ward
Two classes Weaving (Hammocks) .....	Mr. Murray
One class Sketching .....	Mr. Sax
One class Color Work .....	Mr. Sax
Two classes Artistic Scrap-books and Elementary binding....	Mrs. Riddle
Two Camera Clubs .....	Mr. Babcock

## MUSIC.

Brass Band.....	Mr. Steere
Choral Club.....	Mr. Kidde
Glee Club .....	Miss Dewey
Quartette .....	Miss Dewey

### LIBRARY AND STUDY ROOM.

These rooms occupy the front of the second floor and are open every afternoon and evening. The library is furnished with one thousand volumes, which may be drawn with a two-weeks' limit, though many of the members prefer to read the books in the library itself. The study room is designed for the use of school boys who need a quiet place in which to study, or special help in their lessons.

The General Game Room is designed for the use of the boys under sixteen years of age and is open during all the club hours. In addition to games such as checkers, chess, crockanole, table pool and other popular games, each evening the room holds quiet groups of story telling or reading aloud, and guessing games or pencil and paper games.

During the year the game room was in charge of the following people: Mr. Mulligan, Miss Mulligan, Miss Rarden, Miss Schuttler, Mrs. Craig, Mr. Moore, Miss Huncke, Miss Leslie, Mrs. Reoch, Miss Reoch, residents of Hull-House, Culver Club boys.

**Opening of Hull-House Boys' Club Building** The notable event of the year was the opening of the new Boys' Club Building, the gift of Mrs. Bowen, which was formally dedicated on January 12th, 1907. The speakers were Mrs. Bowen who gave the keys of the building to Miss Addams representing Hull-House, Miss Helen Culver whose endowment of the building and whose gift of the land upon which it stands made its existence possible, Judge Mack, Mr. Graham Taylor, Captain Bradley of Allendale, and Mr. Riddle who is in charge of the building and its activities. The speeches were short and spirited. Mrs. Bowen's address evinced her familiarity with the needs of boys, as her careful planning of the building had already done. And as she dedicated the new house "to the boy, the hope of the nation, the past is behind him, the future is all his own," the applause which greeted her was not that accorded to oratory, but to one who understands whereof she speaks. Miss Culver told of Mr. Hull's unflagging interest in the newsboys of early Chicago, of his wide acquaintance with those young merchants for whom he ran a loan bank, which was patronized by his clientele when "dead broke." "In his down town office there were always sheets of gingerbread and big boxes of crackers and a barrel of apples for the benefit of the luckless among them; and when night came, benches were brought in and he and his helpers led a little night school, followed by refreshments and friendly talks. He was not dogmatic in these talks; there was no 'you must,' or 'ought' in them, but he talked as to equals, about the best ways of doing and being. He discussed business methods with them, and the relations of merchants to each other and to their customers. In such ways he led them. It was a bitter thing to him that any child should lose its birthright of love and leading toward right living."

The Hull-House residents and the guests who crowded the game room where the dedicatory exercises were held, felt that the donors of the building personally knew the boys for whom it was prepared, and that the big house was built and endowed in all understanding and affection "not for the boys who deserve, but for those who need."

After the formal exercises the guests were invited to inspect the entire building and tea was served on the top floor in the dining room of the Culver Club.

**Social Clubs** The social clubs which meet weekly at Hull-House are composed of young people who elect their own officers and prepare their own programs under the approval of their "directors." The average membership is forty. These Clubs are social in character but have occasional literary programs and some of them also give plays and hold debates. Many of the present Club members were formerly connected with the kindergarten and

afternoon clubs for children, and have passed from one social organization to another with the changing requirements of their ages. These clubs usually devote one evening a month to an open meeting, and once or twice a year give a ball to their friends in Bowen Hall. On such an occasion the Club engages an orchestra, and a small charge for the wardrobe and a sale of tickets by Club members defrays the expenses. The rent charged for the theatre is three dollars an evening to a Hull-House organization and five dollars to one outside, that of Bowen Hall is fifteen dollars to a Hull-House organization and twenty dollars to one outside, when the hall closes at twelve o'clock. An extra charge of five dollars is added when the hall is kept open until one o'clock, and no later hour than that is permitted. The theatre is used regularly two evenings each week for the chorus instruction of the Hull-House Music School, and Bowen Hall is reserved for four evenings each week, twice for the regular dancing classes maintained by the House, on Tuesday evenings for the affairs of the Woman's Club, and on Sunday evenings for the University Extension lectures.

Following is a list of the social clubs at present meeting at Hull-House:

*Hawthorne Club*.—A literary and dramatic club composed of young men. Meets in the drawing room every Monday evening. Director, Miss Mary Smith.

<i>President</i> .....	Charles Aaron
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Abe Lapin
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Ellis Freilich
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Miss Smith

This Club was organized in 1898, at which time the members were all school boys. For many years they have enforced very stringent anti-smoking and anti-gambling rules. They gave three receptions in the kindergarten room during the year, and, for the first time in the Club's history, they invited young ladies. For the past five years this Club has given a play in the theatre each winter, to which they have given most conscientious work. Last year they gave the play of "Joseph and his Brethren," which is described in this Year Book in the list with the other plays. The Club was entertained this year as usual by Mr. and Mrs. Strauss at Hinsdale.

*The Gernon Club* is a social club of young men and girls organized in its present form in 1904, although it is composed of young people who have been identified with the House for many years. Meets in the drawing room every Tuesday evening. Director, Mr. Yeomans.

<i>President</i> .....	Edward Sullivan
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Thomas Sullivan
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Loretta Davoren
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Sadie Moran
<i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> .....	Giuseppe Montenegro

The social event of the year was the reception given to Mr. and Mrs. Yeomans. In addition the Club gave a party in Bowen Hall February 8th and again a Spring Party May 22d. During the summer they arranged an excursion to South Haven.

*Ida Wright Club*.—A social and charitable club of young women of Grace Church which has met regularly once a week at Hull-House since 1895. They are at present meeting in the drawing room every Friday night. Director, Miss Ratcliffe.

<i>President</i> .....	Miss J. Tesinsky
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Miss Anna Linder
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Miss Emma Kazdask
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Miss Rose Tesinsky

The Club gave a dance in Bowen Hall October 13th and again February 2d and a May party there on May 11th.

*Clinton Locke Club*.—A literary and social club composed of young men from Grace Church which has met at Hull-House with the exception of three years since 1893. Meets in the Children's Building every Friday evening. Director, Rev. Ed. M. Frank.

<i>President</i> .....	Rev. Ed. M. Frank
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Mr. J. Ticka
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Mr. J. Hesik
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Mr. J. Jenner

The Club gave a very successful reception to its friends in Bowen Hall December 8th.

*Albion Club*.—A social club composed of young men and girls. Meets in the Children's Building every Wednesday evening. Director, Mrs. Yeomans.

<i>President</i> .....	John Downs
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Norah Ryan
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Leo Kuntz
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Florence Jones

*Osceola Club*.—Social club composed of young men and girls. Meets in the drawing room every Thursday evening. Director, Frau von Borosini.

<i>President</i> .....	Francis Casey
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Madeline Hollinger
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Frank McNerney
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Charles Hughes

In addition to its regular programs the Club held several open meetings in their club rooms and arranged a summer excursion to South Haven.

*Marquette Club*.—A social club composed of young men and girls. Meets in the kindergarten room every Wednesday evening. Director, Mr. Britton.

<i>President</i> .....	Frank Navigato
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	August Leone
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Maude Laughlin
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Francis De Salvo

The Club gave a dance in Bowen Hall February 1st and again May 20th.

*Mazzini Club*.—A literary and dramatic club composed of young men. Meets in the drawing room every Wednesday evening. Director, Mr. Valerio.

<i>President</i> .....	Luigi Galanti
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Andrea Grannatasio
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Alberto Sarno
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Carlo Galanti

This Club reads Italian drama and keeps itself informed as to current events in Italy and America. Many of the members are musical and an occasional meeting is devoted to a rendition of Italian music.

*Aldine Social Club*.—A social club composed of young men and girls. Meets in the kindergarten room every Tuesday evening. Director, Mr. Baldwin.

<i>President</i> .....	John Tolan
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Walter Fitzgerald
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Sophronia Walter

The Club consists of twenty men and twenty girls and has a long waiting list. The Club celebrated its fifth birthday in April. A winter dance held in Bowen

Hall was largely attended and was very successful, as was also the May Party in the spring. The Club treated its members and ex-members during the winter to a theatre party at the La Salle Theatre.

*Webster Debating Club*.—A debating club composed of young men. Meets in the Children's House every Thursday evening. Director, Mr. Hartman.

<i>President</i> .....	Louis Cohen
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Louis Grossman
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Abe Perlman
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Louis Hartman

Many debates between the club members have been held during the year and an occasional challenge has been accepted from an outside club.

*Stirling Club*.—A debating and literary club of young men. Meets in the Children's House every Monday evening. Director, Herr von Borosini.

This Club gave no reception in Bowen Hall this year, but once a month in place of their regular program a social evening was tendered to their friends in their own club room.

*Gillette Club*.—A social club composed of young men and girls. Meets in the kindergarten room every Thursday evening. Director, Mr. Greenebaum.

<i>President</i> .....	A. Goldberg
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Miss A. Kallish
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Miss S. White
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	J. Hammer

The Club gave two dances during the year in Bowen Hall, one on October 20 and the other on May 24th.

Some of the older clubs whose members have married and find it difficult to meet regularly, still hold occasional meetings and reunions at the House. The Drexel Club holds three or four reunions every year. Last winter the Eldorado Club invited their friends to an entertainment January 19th, and the Fleur de Lis Club gave a dance May 31st.

*The People's Friendly Club* consists of entire families. The monthly dues of five cents provides for father, mother and all the children, and everybody over ten years of age has a voice and a vote in the conduct of the Club's business. The meetings are mainly social, little entertainments being often provided, with an occasional dancing party. In the early history of this Club, the members cultivated vacant lots after the Pingree plan, with much success, but during the last year this feature was dropped, to the regret of many of the members. It is hoped that some provision may be made so that this branch of the work may be resumed. The officers of the club are:

<i>President</i> .....	Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Mrs. Mary Barrett
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Mrs. Sarah Woehrle
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Mr. L. V. Le Moyne

The event of the year was a Christmas entertainment which was given for the entertainment of the children of the Club members in Bowen Hall. The spirit of the occasion was a genuine Christmas one, and plans are already being made for next year.

A number of Greeks who have formed themselves into a social club hold their meetings during the winter in the kindergarten room on Sunday afternoons.



View of Hull-House Drawing Room—used for Social Clubs

**Dancing Classes** Dancing classes have been maintained at Hull-House from the earliest days. For the last eight years the dancing classes have been in charge of Miss Mary Hinman, assisted by Miss Louise Zerr. Last year classes were held in Bowen Hall, on Monday for beginners and on Thursday for the advanced pupils. The class membership is limited to two hundred, and carefully balanced between men and women, and the rules of conventional society are enforced. The instruction received at the dancing classes has set the standard for the various parties and balls given at Hull-House. Miss Bensinger provides the music for both classes.

Each year the dancing classes have closed with a cotillion in which members of Miss Hinman's classes from other parts of town have joined and have given exhibitions in clogs, folk-dances and intricate steps. On these occasions the hall is gaily decorated and favors are provided for the various figures. The residents of Hull-House are increasingly convinced of the value of dancing as a recreative pleasure to young people engaged in the monotonous work of modern industry too often entirely sedentary or of a character which calls upon the use of only a few muscles. The well regulated dancing party not only offers a substitute to the public dance halls, but is obviously a wholesome exercise and affords an outlet for the natural high spirits of youth which have been repressed through the long day. Dancing and calisthenic gymnastics, both of which have always been taught at Hull-House, are almost the only forms of recreation which unite the muscular activity of a number of people in an orderly and unified social spirit.

On the same basis as opportunities for serious study are offered to young people who are hungry for knowledge, so Hull-House endeavors to give opportunities for healthful recreation to those who are hungry for pleasure. The temptations of vice in the crowded quarters of the city are largely associated with the efforts of the young people to secure amusement. The residents of Hull-House are convinced that the love for recreative amusement is stronger than that for vicious pleasure. Every city is full of vice, which is merely a love for pleasure "gone wrong", the illicit expression of what might have been, not only normal and recreative amusement but an instrument in the advance of a higher social morality. This is true not only concerning young people, but of older people as well, especially those from countries in which public recreation is a feature of village and city life.

The cotillion form of party with its valuable alternative of group dancing is a leading feature of Miss Hinman's classes and of the festivities influenced by the residents. Twice a year the residential force itself is responsible for two dancing parties, one for Italians at the Mardi Gras and one for those of Irish descent on St. Patrick's night.

**The St. Patrick's Cotillion** The St. Patrick's Cotillion, the annual dance given by the residents

to their Irish friends of the neighborhood and Irish members of the Hull-House Social Clubs was perhaps more successful than any of preceding years. The party in obligation to its own standards was as carefully arranged as it was possible to make it. The music was furnished by Johnny Hand, who has played Chicago's dance music for half a century. The favors in green and white were long tunics, gold crowns and gold orders for the men, and gold crowns with mediaeval veils for the girls, all of which gave a rarely uniform and beautiful effect, heightened by the changing colors of calcium lights placed at either side of the stage.

The Cotillion was begun at half after nine and ended at twelve, when the roof was opened and the dancers were deluged in confetti and wound in hundreds of parti-colored serpentines thrown from the balcony and stage. It was led by Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Allen Haines and Mr. Livingston Fairbank and was danced by about one hundred couples.

A number of patronesses of the Cotillion from various parts of the city made the party possible through their liberality and interest.

**Mardi Gras** Of those festas which link immigrants with their old homes and life-long customs, the Mardi Gras is celebrated at Hull-House by a Ballo Mascherato Italiano, an occasion for which the invitations read, "you and your family" and which is attended by almost the entire Italian Colony. The costumes are sometimes very beautiful importations from Italy and sometimes made with trifles, with true Latin imagination and cleverness. The evening is always marked by a high spirited dash and swing, with order sternly enforced by Signor Valerio. The masquerade has always been one of the most distinctive and interesting events of the year, and is looked forward to and attended not only by Italians, but also by those who have learned to know and care for them through their connection with the House.

In addition to the dances and social entertainments given by the Hull-House Clubs, Bowen Hall was rented many times during the year to outside social organizations. The Bradner Smith employees gave a dance on February 9th, again on April 6th and May 29th. The following social clubs from the vicinity gave dancing parties:

Saranac Club, September 22.	Coeur de Leon Club, March 9.
Winona Club, November 3.	Saugatuck Socials, April 13.
Excelsior Club, November 9.	West Side Auxiliary, Marks
Outing Club, November 10.	Nathan Orphan Asylum, April
Princeps Club, November 17.	20.
Alpha Club, December 1.	Vancouver Club, May 2.
Guardian Angel Choir, December 22.	Young Ladies' Sodality of the
December Club, December 29.	Guardian Angel Church, May 3.
Pansy Club, January 5.	Basket Ball League, May 8.
Majestic Club, January 12.	Co-Workers' Club, May 17.
Raike Friedman Company Employees, February 16.	Adonis Club, Dance and Entertainment, June 11.
Dante Baseball Club, February 22.	Young Ladies' Hebrew Aid Society, June 26.
Sunshine Club, March 1.	Jewish Training School, June 29.

**Hull-House Gymnasium** Gymnasium instruction with the help of limited apparatus, was given from the first years of Hull-House, but was not adequately provided for until 1893, when the Gymnasium and Coffee House Building was completed. The original building occupied nearly its present site and was built in two stories with Coffee-House, Kitchen, Gymnasium Baths on the first floor, and the Men's Club Room and the Gymnasium on the second floor. A stage occupied the south end of the Gymnasium, as it was used for audience room, theatre and concert hall, and in it for several years on Friday evenings Mr. Tomlins conducted his chorus of five hundred members.

Dr. Raycroft of the University of Chicago, with volunteer students, conducted the very first classes, but in November, 1893, Miss Gyles took charge of the gymnasium, and the teaching of women's and children's classes began. The men and boys have been taught by instructors from the Y. M. C. A. Training School with the exception of two years when Hull-House was fortunate enough to secure Mr. E. B. de Groot as instructor.

In 1896 the first basket ball team, consisting of seven members, was formed. Mr. Albert Claussen was elected captain; James Murphy, John McManus, Michael O'Connell, Edward Patera, Edward Hall, Frank McLoughlin, Bert Peary and Thomas Burnett comprised the other members of the first team. The names of the members of the present team are, Edward Olis, captain, Chas Wolf, Al Behr, Louis Labow, Jacob Rodkin and N. Ribback. Each season has marked some changes in membership of teams but basket ball is still the favorite recreative game.

During the summer of 1900, the old Gymnasium Building was moved and remodeled. The stage was removed, the running track enlarged and an apparatus room made out of the men's club room. The second floor was made over with large dressing and locker rooms and twelve new showers were put in. Since 1900 the two floors of the building have been used solely and entirely for gymnasium purposes. Each class has been meeting twice a week regularly. Classes for married women have been held during the afternoon and classes in gymnastic dancing have also been held twice a week during the past year.

The gymnasium membership varies during the year from four hundred and fifty to three hundred, the largest number attending from October to February. Visitors are allowed on certain class evenings and at games on Saturday evenings.

The season of 1906-07 was opened on October 2nd. The classes offered were as follows:

*Men's Senior Class.*—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8.15 p. m. to 9.30 p. m.

*Men's Intermediate Class.*—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p. m. to 8.15

*Junior Boys' Class.*—Wednesdays, 4 p. m. and Saturdays, 9:30 to 11 a. m.

*Women's Senior Class.*—Mondays and Fridays, 8.15 to 9.30 p. m.

*Women's Intermediate Class.*—Mondays, 7 p. m., Wednesdays, 8.15 to 9.30 p. m.

*Junior Girls' Class.*—Mondays and Fridays, 4 to 5 p. m.

*Boys' Free Class.*—Thursdays, 4 p. m.

*Class of Smallest Boys and Girls.*—Saturdays, 11 to 12 a. m.

*Women's Basket Ball Practice.*—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9.30 to 10 p. m.

*Girls' Basket Ball Practice.*—Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p. m.

*Basket Ball Practice* and public games in basket ball held every Saturday evening.

*Fencing Club.*—Sundays, 9 to 11 a. m.

The staff of teachers and assistants for the year of 1906-7 were:

Mr. R. W. Teeter, Men's and Boys' Classes.

Miss R. M. Gyles, Women's Classes.

Miss Emma Karstens, Junior Girls' Classes and coach for Women's Basket Ball teams.

Miss Alice Evans, Coach for Junior Girls' Teams.

Mr. G. Valerio, Director of Fencing Club. In charge of locker room on men's evenings and of public shower baths on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

Professor Zanoni, instructor of fencing.

Miss Weinheimer, registration and locker rooms, women's evenings.

Miss Sarah Hollander, registration Tuesdays.

Miss Brindley and Miss Prince, accompanists to classes.

Dr. J. A. Britton, medical examiner for men and boys.

Dr. Josephine E. Young, medical examiner for women's classes.

Miss R. M. Gyles, director of the gymnasium.

The gymnasium has been used on week-day mornings by professional acrobats for practice only and on Sunday afternoons for games of indoor and basket ball.

Five organized teams for basket ball were recognized among members of men's and boys' classes, although there were several additional teams who played both home and outside games when opportunity offered. The regularly organized teams were:

The Senior or First Team. The "Midgets."

Second, or "Maroons." Intermediate Team.

Junior Boys' Team.

Of these teams the Senior Team won the Inter-settlement Basket Ball Championship for 1906-07.

The Midget Team won the championship of the Cook County Basket Ball Tournament, held at Hull-House April 2 to 6, while the Junior Boys won second place in the same tournament.

The two basket ball teams in the women's classes were called "First" and "Second." A number of games were played by them both at home and abroad.

**Athletic Contests** The Second Annual Inter-Settlement Track Meet was held at Armour Square on the afternoon of June 1st, 1907. The Hull-House Track Team, represented by seventeen men, was the victor in several events. Walter Nochumson, who won the gold medal in the first Inter-Settlement League Track Meet June 2nd, 1906, again took the individual honors.



Hull-House Basket-Ball Team

A dual indoor meet was held with Chicago Commons at their gymnasium on the 28th of May and the Hull-House Junior Track Team.

Hull-House Juniors .....	30
Chicago Commons.....	24

In basket ball the Senior Team won the banner in the Inter-Settlement League and also made a very creditable showing in the Western A. A. U. championship games. In the Junior A. A. U. games for championship of Cook County, Hull-House was fortunate in getting first and second honors, the Midgets getting first place and the Juniors second.

On the whole, during the year, Hull-House not only retained the place it had won in athletics in former years, but made an additional good showing both in Inter-Settlement and in other athletic circles.

In May, 1907, Hull-House Gymnasium ended the fourteenth season of its activity with an exhibition of women's and children's classes on May 29th and an exhibition of men's and boys' classes and the fencing club on May 30th.

The program of the first evening consisted of dumb-bell, wand, Indian club and free drills, fancy steps and figure marching, gymnastic dancing and games; while the men's and boys' classes showed military marching, free calisthenics, games, boxing, and some excellent work on horse and buck. The Fencing Club also gave an interesting exhibition of its work. Both evenings ended with short games of basket ball.

The director, from the opening of the gymnasium, while organizing social clubs in connection with the gymnasium, has carefully guarded its professional side and fostered its hygienic value for the young men and women of the neighborhood who work at sedentary occupations in factories and offices.

**Shower Baths** The shower baths were open during the winter from 1 to 6 p. m. on Saturdays, and from 9 to 12 a. m. on Sundays and were constantly used by the men of the neighborhood. On Saturday, June 9th, the baths were opened every day from 5 to 9 p. m. on week-days, 12 to 10 p. m. on Saturdays, and from 9 to 12 a. m. on Sundays. As the Carter Harrison Public Bath on Mather Street was out of use and under repairs owing to the destructive fire there, the baths were constantly used in spite of the fact that the fee was ten cents for towels and soap. The summer baths were under the direction of Mr. G. Valerio and Mr. Stearns.

**Music School** The Hull-House Music School was started in the fourth year of Hull-House, although Miss Eleanor Smith and Miss Hannig, who are its heads, had from the earliest days held classes here. The Music School is designed to give a thorough musical instruction to a limited number of children. Some of the earlier pupils in the Music School are now professional musicians, and the group as a whole has contributed much to the understanding and appreciation of music in the neighborhood.

The following classes were held last year:

Monday and Thursday afternoons.

Singing (children)

Miss Eleanor Smith. Miss Ethel Dewey.

Piano. Miss Amalie Hannig, assisted by

Miss Ethel Heath, Miss Myrtle Cornish, Miss Blanche Ebert.

Monday and Thursday evenings.

Singing—Miss Eleanor Smith. Chorus Class—Mr. Regnar Kidde.

The Music School from the beginning has given public recitals and concerts which have always been attended by serious and attentive audiences. Six recitals were given last year. The program for one of these recitals follows, as well as that of the Christmas concert, which is the twelfth concert that has been given by the Hull-House Music School on the Sunday preceding Christmas. A suite of six rooms, one of them containing a musical library, is in process of erection for the Music School largely as an appreciation of their successful study. The new quarters are over the dining room, and as the windows open into the quadrangle, the school will be insured more quiet than it has ever been able to secure before.

#### FORTY-FIRST RECITAL OF THE HULL-HOUSE MUSIC SCHOOL

##### PROGRAM

1. Alexander March ..... *Wagner*  
EDITH POIERIERE. TEACHER ETHEL HEATH.
2. Lullaby ..... *Gurlitt*  
ROSE MARY CARROLL. TEACHER ETHEL HEATH.
3. In Dreamland ..... *Gurlitt*  
DORA SIEGEL. TEACHER MYRTLE CORNISH.

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4. Mermaid Song ..... *Wagner*  
     JESSIE LURVEY. TEACHER MYRTLE CORNISH.

5. Little Waltz, Op. 12 ..... *Denee*  
     MAGDALEN SIMEKS. TEACHER BLANCHE EBERT.

6. a. Gracefulness ..... *Gurlitt*  
     b. Gaiety ..... *Gurlitt*  
         EMILIO COLANTOLI.

7. Birds in the Woods ..... *Hollander*  
         EUGENE CARROLL.

8. Cuckoo and Quail, Op. 42 ..... *Parlow*  
         ALBERT CARROLL.

9. a. Elves, Op. 77 ..... *Hoffmann*  
     b. Sleep, Baby, Sleep, Op. 77 ..... *Hoffmann*  
         STANLEY SMITH.

10. Cat and Mouse, Op. 41 ..... *Hollander*  
         JARMILA MAZAC.

11. a. Elfin Dance, Op. 33 ..... *Jensen*  
     b. Intermezzo, Op. 33 ..... *Jensen*  
         ERNEST HEATH.

12. Over the Waters ..... *Hoffmann*  
         STELLA GLAVIN.

13. In the Woods, Op. 41 ..... *Gade*  
         GRACE ALEXANDER.

14. Sonate, E minor ..... *Haydn*  
         MARIE FURSTENBERG.

15. Caprice, E major ..... *Paganini-Schumann*  
         BLANCHE EBERT.

16. Sonate, A major ..... *Scarlatti*  
         ETHEL HEATH.

17. First Movement from Concerto G minor ..... *Moscheles*  
         MYRTLE CORNISH AND BLANCHE EBERT.

June 8th, 1907.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

OF THE HULL-HOUSE MUSIC SCHOOL ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
     DECEMBER 23, 1906

#### PROGRAM

1. Choral (From Christmas Cantata) ..... *J. S. Bach*

2. Nowell ..... *Old English*

3. Christmas Chimes ..... *I. Rheinberger*

4. Entre le boeuf et l'ane gris ..... *French Carol*  
         FRED. GERMAINE.

5. Child Jesus ..... *Niels Gade*

6. Cradle Song of the Infant Jesus ..... *Old German*

7. Christ, the Friend of Children ..... *P. Cornelius*  
         LILLIAN BIELAWSKI.

8. O Come, Little Children ..... *German Carol*  
 9. Canon ..... *K. Reinecke*  
 10. Tryst Noel ..... *Eleanor Smith*  
     BESSIE DOYLE.  
 11. Come, All Ye Shepherds ..... *Old Bohemian*  
 12. Ye Shepherds, Arise ..... *Karl Reinecke*  
 13. Christmas Morn ..... *Burgmein*  
     a. Shepherds' Chorus.  
     b. Pastorela.

*Pianists: MYRTLE CORNISH, ETHEL HEATH.*

**Christmas Entertainment** The youngest class in the Music School gave a very successful Christmas entertainment, which was repeated four times to overflowing audiences. Groups of six children acted and sang descriptions in verse of the Christmas customs in various lands. The costuming was carefully done and evidently met the approval of the older immigrants in the audiences. The German children sang an early German carol around a Christmas tree; the French children carried a little creche through the streets carolling under windows; the Russian children, masqueraded as angels and devils, marched to an old Russian Christmas song; the Italian children sang as choir boys; the Bohemians gave their fine old national carol, "We Three Kings." The domestic customs of the English and Swedish children which were acted with much spirit caused great merriment in the audience. The performance ended with a Syrian child telling how the first Christmas happened in his land, and with a tableau of the Holy Family modelled upon a Botticelli picture, when all of the children sang "Ye Shepherds, Arise."

**Sunday Concerts** Two years ago a beautiful memorial organ was erected at Hull-House, which has greatly added to the resources of the Music School and to the interest of the public concerts which have been given every Sunday afternoon for fifteen years in the weeks from November first to May first. The following is a list of concerts given last year in midwinter:

*December 16th*

Mr. Arthur Dunham ..... *Organist*  
 Mr. Edward Blatchford ..... *Baritone*

*December 23d*

Christmas Concert ..... *Hull-House Music School*

*January 6th*

Piano Recital of ..... *Hull-House Music School*

*January 13th*

Miss Mary P. Thomson ..... *Soprano*  
 Miss Margaret Cameron ..... *Piano*

*January 20th*

Mrs. DeMuth Williams ..... *Violin Concert*

*February 10th*

Mr. Regnar Kidde ..... *Baritone*  
 Miss Josephine Large ..... *Piano*



View of Hull-House Theatre—Mural Decorations—Tolstoy and Lincoln

*February 17th*

Mr. Arthur Barton ..... *Baritone*  
 Mr. George Jones ..... *Violin*

*February 24th*

Mrs. Newman Miller ..... *Piano*  
 Mrs. Eloise Hilton Wing ..... *Soprano*

*March 3d*

Concert of ..... *Hull-House Music School*

*March 10th*

Mrs. Charles L. Krum ..... *Soprano*

**The Messiah** For many years the Ravenswood Musical Club, under the direction of Mr. Lutkin, has rendered Handl's "Messiah" at Hull-House some time during the Christmas week. The chorus has seventy-five voices. The performance is eagerly anticipated for weeks before and thoroughly enjoyed by a sympathetic audience.

Other special concerts were given during the year. One which was much enjoyed was rendered in Bowen Hall, April 24, by the Illinois Naval Reserve Band.

**Hull-House Theatre** Another method of education, which has been gradually used more and more at Hull-House, is that made possible through dramatics, largely amateur, although professionals have from time to time been most generous with their services. The first dramas at Hull-House were produced in the gymnasium until they seemed to justify the erection of a well equipped stage in a room used as a theatre.

**Dramatic Association** The Hull-House Dramatic Association present their plays in English and have gradually built up a little clientele of admirers from all parts of the town, and they have developed in the course of years some genuine dramatic ability. This association gives two carefully prepared dramas each winter. They have presented Ibsen and Shaw as well as melodramas and classic plays. Eight rehearsals are usually found sufficient for a satisfactory production, and it is planned to give at least two plays a year. The Club is limited to fourteen, and is governed by a very simple constitution. The officers of the Club are: President, Jackson Moore; Secretary, Laura Thornton; Business Manager, Frederick H. Deknatel; Director, Laura Dainty Pelham; Stage Manager, Frank Keough. The successful play of last year was Ibsen's "Pillars of Society," which was presented in six performances, three during May and three in October, with the following cast:

### THE PILLARS OF SOCIETY

A PLAY IN FOUR ACTS  
BY HENRIK IBSEN

Mr. Hubbard, the dramatic critic of the Chicago Tribune, spoke of the play as "the most ambitious undertaking that Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham and her company of hard-working young players have ventured upon thus far in their career. But the successful character of the performance proved the fitness of the ambition and placed another bright mark to the credit of the Hull-House organization and its capable director." And he adds: "The 'Pillars of Society,' although written to hit certain unpleasant conditions existent in Norway, fits perfectly to conditions plentifully existent in our own dear land, and, if one of the missions of the stage be to teach lessons of better living and higher thinking, then this Ibsen drama might well prove suitable material for that same stage's use."

In March, Pinero's comedy, "The Magistrate," was successfully given.

### THE MAGISTRATE

A FARCE IN THREE ACTS BY A. W. PINERO  
FEBRUARY 20, and 23, 1907

Plans for 1907-8 are already arranged. "Arms and the Man" is in rehearsal for presentation in late October, and Hauptmann's "The Weavers," which will be the great production of the year, will probably be given about February 20th, 1908. The present is the seventh year of the Club's existence, and of the fourteen members, five, and the director, have been associated with it from the beginning, two for six years, three for five years, and the remaining four for three years. A waiting list furnishes extra people for the casts when needed for productions.

Another use of the theatre lies in the opportunity it presents to the foreigners of the vicinity to present plays in their native tongues and to reveal to some extent life as it has presented itself to their own countrymen.

**Greek Plays** In the immediate vicinity of Hull-House is a large colony of Greeks, who often feel that their history and background are completely ignored by the Americans in Chicago, and they therefore welcome an opportunity to present Greek plays in the ancient text. Two of these plays were carefully staged by Miss Barrows, and the "Ajax" of Sophocles given several years ago was a genuine triumph to the Greek Colony. During the past year the Greeks have given four plays in modern Greek which have been attended by enthusiastic audiences of their own countrymen. The play of Galatea was rendered by the Association Versoniton, the patriotic play of "Ypsilontis," the well known play by Peresiades of the "Shepherd Girl," and "Gulpho" were also given.

**Italian Plays** A group of Italians have also presented plays in their own tongue. Several of these were written by Signor Frederico Amato, who lives but a few blocks from Hull-House. One of his plays, "The Son of the Immigrant," embodied certain experiences which almost every older immigrant has had in relation to his Americanized children. The plays were given as follows:

Feb. 10—I Figli dell' Emigrato. (The Children of the Emigrant.)  
Popular Songs sung by Mimi' Campanella.  
Farce—E Mascolo o e' Femmena? (A Boy or a Girl?)

April 14—O Scarfalletto or Il Divorzio di Don Felice.  
(The Divorce of Don Felice.)

July 21—Conte Capone.  
Neapolitan Songs.

Aug. 4—Il Lupo di Mare. (The Sea Wolf.)  
Neapolitan Songs.

Aug. 11—Vita 'e Napole. (Neapolitan Life.)  
Farce—Tre Fratelli. (Three Brothers.)

**Junior Dramatic Association** There are also Junior Dramatic Associations through which it seems possible to give a training in speech and manners more directly than through any other medium. The original Junior Dramatic Association consisted of twenty boys who have given a series of plays, and some of them have acquired a distinct dramatic ability. Among them the plays of Shakespeare have always been astonishingly popular. The youngest member of the Association has now become eighteen years of age, and at the suggestion of their director, Miss Edith Nancrede, they have amended their constitution and added young girls to their membership. "The Nephew as Uncle" was the first play given under the new arrangement, and while the older members showed the advantage of their long training over their new members, the first play promises a bright future.

### THE NEPHEW AS UNCLE

A COMEDY IN THREE ACTS BY SCHILLER  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1907

**Children's Dramatic Association** No play given last year equalled in popularity that of "Alice in Wonderland," which the Children's Dramatic Association gave three times in April and twice in May. Much time and care was spent by the directors as well as by the caste in reproducing the marvelous people and creatures whom Alice met in her journey. The actors themselves never lost their zest for the story, and successive audiences of children from all parts of the town evinced their unalloyed pleasure in the performance.

### ALICE IN WONDERLAND

APRIL 19 and 26, 1907, 8 O'CLOCK  
APRIL 20 and 27, 1907, 2:30 O'CLOCK

ACT I—Scene 1. The Rabbit  
Scene 2. The Rabbit Hole  
ACT II—Scene 1. The Caterpillar  
Scene 2. The Duchess  
Scene 3. The Mad Tea Party

ACT III—The Queen's Garden  
ACT IV—The Mock Turtle  
ACT V—The Trial



Cast of Joseph and His Brethren

The play, "Joseph and His Brethren," was presented by the Hawthorne Club for the first time in May, 1906, and was repeated very successfully in November, 1907. The Club consists of Jewish high school boys who were much interested that the incidents of the play, put into dramatic form by Miss Benedict and Miss Nancrede, should conform with the traditions of the Talmud. Their efforts were complimented by several Hebrew scholars who came to see the play and who were much impressed by "the informing mind" with which the actors rendered their parts.

### JOSEPH AND HIS BRETHREN

MAY 19 and 23, 1906, AT 8 O'CLOCK. NOV. 26, 1907, AT 3 O'CLOCK  
 COMPOSED BY THE DIRECTORS AND THE CLUB  
 INCIDENTAL MUSIC BY CHAS. CORNISH

The Business Management of both the Hull-House Dramatic Association and the Junior Dramatic Association has been for many years under the able management of Mr. Frederick H. Deknatel. Applications for tickets should be made to him in writing or by telephone at Hull-House.

The Hull-House Theatre is also used by neighboring schools, permitting an elaboration of their commencement exercises, and by settlements, and for benefit entertainments of various sorts. The most interesting of the latter was an entertainment given February 16th for the benefit of the Illinois Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf. The program consisted of tableaux and pantomime in five acts, "All on a Summer's Day," and a song recital in the sign language. The acting in the pantomime was distinguished by unusual dramatic power. The audience consisted almost entirely of deaf people, many of them members of the Club, which has frequently held its social gatherings at Hull-House.

An interesting entertainment was given April 20th for the benefit of the Deaf Children's Outing Fund.

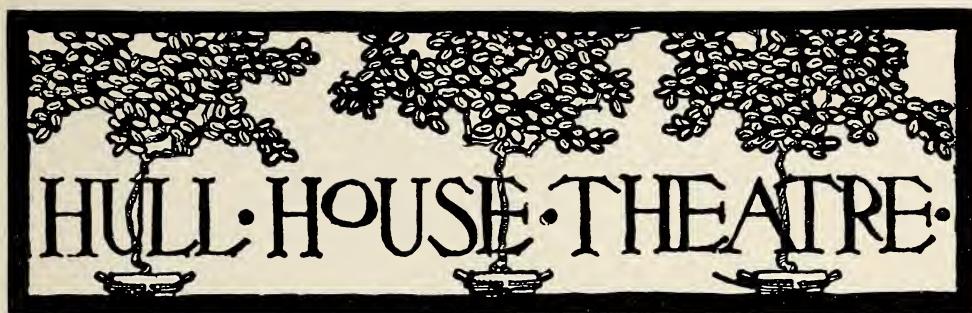
The Society for the Mutual Advancement of the Blind has also used the theatre several times during the year.

Plays are constantly given in the Hull-House Theatre by dramatic clubs connected with other organizations. Among the successful plays of last year was a dramatic evening, December 15th, under the auspices of the West Side Auxiliary of the Marks Nathan Jewish Orphan Home. Under the stage direction of Louis C. Alter they presented three one-act plays—"His Sister's Choice," "The Littlest

Girl," and "Lend Me Five Shillings." The pupils of the Jewish Training School gave an interesting dramatic entertainment on May 10th, which was again repeated on May 24th.

A very interesting play founded upon Dunbar's play, "The Wife of His Youth," was given by a company of young colored people connected with the Frederick Douglass Center, the dramatization of the book having been made by the head of that settlement, Mrs. Celia Parker Wooley. The motive of the story was presented with great sympathy, the audience responding with genuine appreciation to the final scene.

On the evenings of June 7th and 8th an elaborate entertainment, concluding with a bright college play, was given by some young college men for the benefit of the Guardian Angel Church on Forquer Street.



**Hull-House  
Five Cent  
Theatre** A Moving Picture Show, or, as it is more generally called, "A Five-Cent Theatre," was opened in the Hull-House Theatre June 1st, 1907.

The experiment continued for two weeks and was discontinued when the weather became excessively warm. The lantern for moving pictures was a gift from Mr. Selig and the films were supplied through the generosity of Mr. Laemle. The management of the entire undertaking was in the hands of Dr. Britton of Hull-House. The "show" was open every day from 3 o'clock until 10 p. m. Three thousand invitations were issued to the members of the Hull-House clubs, and these, with the people attracted from the street, kept the room continuously well filled for the first two weeks, and it was closed the third week because of the extremely warm weather. The management were able to select films of fairy stories which delighted the children; foreign scenes which filled our Italian and Greek neighbors with homely reminiscences, dramatizations of great moral lessons contained in such stories as Uncle Tom's Cabin and Jean Val Jean, modern heroism as portrayed by the firemen and the life saving corps, as well as that multitude of simpler domestic scenes which fascinate the spectator through their very familiarity because they reveal an inner beauty he has not suspected before.

It is unfortunate that the Five-Cent Theatre has become associated in the public mind with the lurid and unworthy. Our experience at Hull-House has left no doubt in our minds that in time moving pictures will be utilized quite as the stereopticon is at present, for all purposes of entertainment and education, and that schools and churches will count the films as among their most valuable equipment.





Hull-House Coffee House

**Coffee House** The Coffee House was opened in 1893 on the basis of a public kitchen. An investigation of the sweat-shops of the neighborhood had disclosed the fact that sewing women during the busy season paid little attention to the feeding of their families, for it was only by working steadily through the long day that the scanty pay could be made into a day's wage.

One of the Hull-House residents had made an investigation, at the instance of the United States Department of Agriculture, into the food values of the dietaries of the various immigrants, and this was followed by an investigation made by another resident, Miss Hunt, for the United States Department of Labor, into the foods of the Italian colony, disclosing the fact that the constant use of imported products bore a distinct relation to the cost of living. The result of these various studies led to the opening of a public kitchen, modeled after the New England Kitchen of Boston, for the sale of cooked foods. This, however, has never been popular, although it has been maintained during the fifteen years and every noon many orders of soup and coffee and hot meat sandwiches are carried out into the neighboring factories. From the very first year, however, the restaurant aspect of the Coffee House developed rapidly, and has become something of a social center to the neighborhood. Business men from the adjacent factories and school teachers from the nearest public schools use it constantly. Every evening students and Club members meet together in little groups or hold their reunions and social banquets there, as organizations from all parts of the town occasionally do. The Chicago Ethical Society hold their monthly banquets and meetings in the Coffee House, and various alumni associations and professional organizations find it a convenient place for meeting. It is used constantly by the social clubs in connection with their party refreshments and banquets and

it is also a great convenience to the residents of Hull-House, the directors of clubs and teachers of evening classes. The Coffee House has been self-sustaining from the beginning, and of later years has been able to pay an adequate rental to Hull-House. Emil Hansen has occupied the position of chef since 1895.

The Coffee-Room is unusually direct in design, the brick and fireproofing being everywhere visible, so that the material which builds the structure creates also the artistic effect. This does away with the usual three-ply of brickwork, plaster and decoration elements, the elimination of which makes for the cleanliness so desirable in restaurants.

**Enlargement of Coffee-House** The new building having freed the lower floor of the Children's House in which the Boys' Club formerly met, it seemed desirable to open there a noon lunch room in which the service should be more informal than that of the Coffee-House proper. This also gives an opportunity of bringing the entrance nearer to Halsted Street and thus enlarging the quarters occupied by Branch No. 10 of the Chicago Post Office. The changes in the building are being made now, and it is hoped that the new room will be ready for occupancy by October 1st, 1907. The Coffee-House and the new Cafeteria are under the management of Mrs. Valerio.

**Afternoon Clubs** Every afternoon after school hours all the available rooms at Hull-House are filled with children's clubs which are designed to be social and recreative in character, although some serious study is done by groups in sloyd, in sewing, in clay-modeling, in cooking and in gymnastics. The membership in the various clubs and classes is comprised of fifteen hundred school children. Summer outings are arranged for them as well as occasional entertainments which brings the members of the various clubs together. The atmosphere is designed to be a change and variation from school and the children are encouraged to entertain each other.

### AFTERNOON CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

#### *THE HAWTHORNE CLUB.*

Children's House Reception Room, Mondays, from 4 to 5 o'clock. A club of boys for reading and games. Director, Miss Moore.

#### *SEWING CLUB.*

Children's House Reception Room, Mondays, at 4 p. m. A class in shirt waist making of fifteen girls, fourteen to sixteen years. Teacher, Miss Beifeldt.

#### *EXCELSIOR CLUB.*

Lecture Hall, Mondays, from 4 to 5. A social club of twenty boys for reading, singing and playing games. Director, Mrs. Shelley.

#### *BUSY BEES.*

Children's House Reception Room, Tuesday, 4 p. m. A girls' club for sewing and stories. Age ten to twelve years. Director, Dr. Florence Moore.

#### *LITTLE WOMEN'S CLUB.*

Children's House Reception Room, Wednesday, 4 p. m. Girls, ten to twelve years. Sewing and games. Director, Miss Edwards.

### SEWING CLUB.

Children's Kindergarten Room, Tuesday, 4 p. m. A sewing, reading and debating club of fifteen girls between the ages of twelve and fourteen. Teacher, Miss Zimmerman.

### CLAY MODELING CLUB.

Shop, Tuesday and Friday, from 4 to 5. A class of twelve boys and girls, ages ten to fourteen, for clay modeling. Teacher, Miss Antoinette Grenier.

### MONROE DEBATING AND READING AND GYMNASTIC CLUB.

Boys' Club Building, Tuesdays, at 4 p. m. A Literary and Debating Club for boys aged between ten and twelve years. President, Willie Moskowitz; Vice-President, Sam Rissman; Secretary, Max Cohen; Director and Treasurer, Miss Dewey; Assistant, Miss Moore.

### PLAY-ROOM CLUB.

Children's House, Kindergarten Room, Wednesdays, 4 p. m. Mrs. Britton entertains the children with kindergarten games, songs and stories. Age, eight to ten years. Present membership, 100.

### THE LA SALLE CLUB.

Children's House, Green Room, Wednesdays, from 4 to 5:30. This Club is composed of eighteen boys between the ages of twelve and sixteen. The meeting is divided into three parts, first a regular business meeting, next a literary program consisting of debates, reading and recitation. Every four weeks a book is awarded as a prize for the best composition. The last period is devoted to playing games. Director, Miss Zimmerman.

As these boys go to work they enter the Webster Debating Club or other evening clubs.

### GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB.

Lecture Hall, Wednesdays, 4 p. m. A club of sixteen girls for sewing. Age, twelve to fourteen. Membership full. Director, Mrs. Gould.

### WEAVING CLUB.

Children's House, Green Room, Wednesday, 4 p. m. A girls' club for bead-weaving and games. Ages, twelve to fifteen years. Directors, Miss Chase and Miss Emerick.

### WEBSTER DEBATING CLUB.

Children's House, Green Room, Saturdays, at 2 p. m. A club of twenty-two boys, ages fourteen to sixteen years, for debating. President, Moses Schallmann; vice-president, Louis Grossman; secretary, Abe Pearlman; editor, Nathan Cohen; director, Mrs. Oppenheimer.

### THE BUSY TWELVE.

Children's House, Green Room, Thursday, at 4 p. m. A club of twelve girls for sewing and stories. Director, Miss Flora Hupfeldt.

### THE WENDY CLUB.

Lecture Hall, Thursday, at 4 p. m. A club of twelve girls for sewing and stories. Director, Mrs. Hudgeno.

### THE THURSDAY CLUB.

Lecture Hall, Wednesday, from 4 to 5 p. m. A club for girls twelve to fourteen years. Reading, sewing and games. Director, Mrs. Harry Jenkins.



Reception Hall — Hull-House

#### *ABRAHAM LINCOLN CLUB.*

Lecture Hall, Fridays, 4 p. m. A literary and social club for boys, aged between ten and twelve years. At present reading American history. Director, Mrs. Britton.

#### *SATURDAY CLUB.*

Children's House Reception Room, Saturdays, at 10 a. m. A class in the Art of Expression. A study for young girls in voice culture, physical culture and literature. Director, Miss Jane Ryan.

**Fresh Air  
Excursions  
and Summer  
Outings**

The summer outing work of Hull-House for the summer of 1906 and the summer of 1907 consisted of two principal divisions—that of entertaining groups of people for one day at a time and that of arranging for the entertainment of individuals in private homes, summer camps, etc., for one week or more. In addition to miscellaneous picnics and parties, three times a week regularly a special street car took women and children to one of the parks, where they stayed during the day, had a picnic lunch and returned to Hull-House in the evening. The "White City," "Hagenbach's Circus," "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show" and a large number of friends who have country homes entertained groups of people varying in size from ten to two hundred. The lake steamship companies were also very generous and groups were taken at various times to St. Joe, Michigan, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The real outings, which lasted a week or more, were had in places like Holiday Home, Geneva Lake, Wisconsin, Forward Movement Camp at Saugatuck, Michigan, and Camp Good Will at Evanston, Winnetka, and South Haven, and also to private homes scattered in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Mich-

igan and Wisconsin. These latter places were largely obtained through the Chicago Bureau of Charities. A summary of the number of persons entertained during the last two seasons is as follows:

Picnics .....	4,995
By invitation to local entertainments.....	1,642
Lake trips .....	510
Outings of one week or more .....	1,900

**Day Nursery** The humanitarian activities of the house grew quite naturally as an attempt was made to respond to the simpler needs of the neighborhood. Because of the many mothers who were obliged to work and who quite simply asked the kindergartner to "keep the baby for the day," a small apartment was taken across the street in the spring of 1891, and turned into a day nursery, which was later moved into a cottage on Ewing Street, in which a second kindergarten was started. Later a building called the Children's House was erected for the purpose of housing all the activities for the children, but it was built with special reference to the Day Nursery and Kindergarten. The Day Nursery, open daily from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., occupies the second floor. It is designed for children whose mothers are obliged to work during the day. The physician is Dr. Hackett, the nurses Mrs. Loosefeldt, Miss Conley and Mrs. Michler. The two nurses first mentioned have been identified with the nursery for fifteen years, in fact since its foundation. The attendance varies from twenty-five to fifty per day. The director is Mrs. Britton. The older children are sent to the kindergarten every morning and in the afternoon, from 4 to 5, Miss Howe plays with them in the kindergarten, where see-saws, toboggan-slide, sand and other indoor playground activities are provided for them.

Mrs. Marie Hanson, who was for many years the matron of the Hull-House Day Nursery, had charge of a house at Winnetka during the summer, to which the nursery mothers with their children were sent for a week at a time. As many of the mothers had been identified with the nursery for many years, they considered it a continuous "Nursery Mothers' Party."

**Hull-House Kindergarten** A kindergarten was opened at Hull-House in October, 1889, through the volunteer service of Miss Jennie Dow, and a kindergarten has been maintained throughout the eighteen years. Mrs. Britton, who has been the director for the past ten years, resigned the directorship in February of this year in order to take charge of some work for the Juvenile Protective League, and Miss Hamburger assumed charge of the kindergarten for the rest of the year. Miss Randall acted as assistant throughout the year and two volunteers were supplied from the Froebel Association.

**Mary Crane Nursery** Partly as a result of a conference held at Hull-House in regard to the lack of adequate day nursery accommodations in Chicago, the Chicago Relief and Aid Society is planning to carry on a large day nursery in a building which the Crane family is erecting on a lot on Ewing Street directly west of the Jane Club. The present Hull-House nursery which accommodates but forty children, will of course be merged in the larger enterprise. The building will accommodate one hundred children segregated in separate floors so as to avoid the disadvantage of caring for so large a number together, and provision will also be made for a laundry, a sewing room and domestic science equipment where the most untutored and bewildered mothers may receive rudimentary instruction in the methods of American housekeeping. The building also plans a playroom for school children whose mothers do not reach home until long after school closes. A diet kitchen and various other features are included in the plans, and the Relief and Aid Society will make the building a center for much of their activity on the West Side.

**Visiting Kindergarten** Children who are chronically ill, or those too crippled to attend school, are visited in their respective homes by teachers. An attempt is made to give the children who are too advanced for kindergarten work lessons in manual training, the latter looking forward, so far as possible, to self-supporting occupations. The older children are also given instruction in the common school branches, although some visits are totally given to entertainment.

During the last five years from ten to twenty children have been visited on an average twice a week by the director and her assistants. Miss Kathryn Chase is the present director; the following ladies are her assistants: Miss Emerick, Miss Matthews, Miss Dalton and Mrs. P. H. Bettman.

Children are visited in all parts of the city. Most of the names and addresses have been received through the Visiting Nurse Association, the hospitals and the Chicago Bureau of Charities. New names may be sent to Hull-House either by telephone or by letter. More assistants living in various parts of the city are much desired.

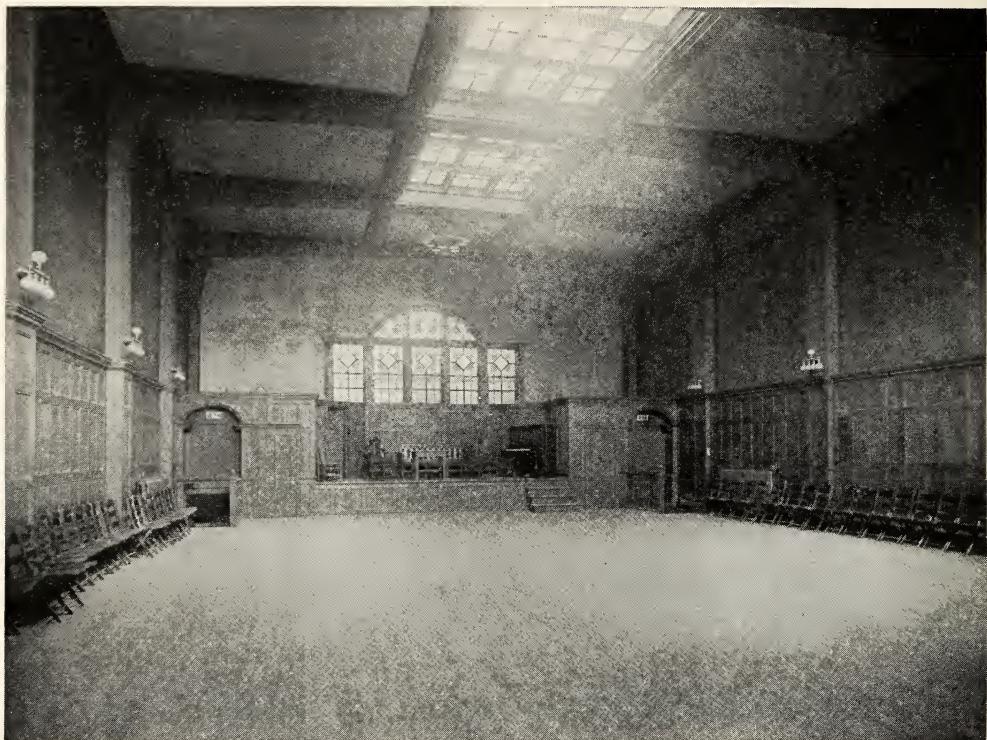
**Ice and Milk** During the summer months Hull-House was again used as a distributing station for the Tribune ice, and a permanent station for the sale of the modified and pasteurized milk furnished by the Children's Hospital Society has been stationed there. The sales show a gratifying appreciation of the need for especially prepared milk for children and invalids. During the past year 63,000 bottles were sold. The distribution and sale of the ice tickets was under the care of Miss Grace Murphy.

**Penny Savings Bank** Open at cashier's desk, Coffee House, from 3.30 p. m. to 6 p. m. This is a branch savings bank of the Chicago Penny Savings System. The depositors receive cards upon which stamps are pasted to the amount of their deposit. These stamps are redeemable in money at the option of the depositor. Banker, Mrs. Valerio.

**Tuberculosis Cottage** In line with the work which is being done in Chicago for the cure of incipient tuberculosis, seven patients who had been dismissed from the camp sustained by the Tuberculosis Institute, were regularly visited and instructed by Dr. Britton of Hull-House, forming a "tuberculosis class." It was found that three of these cases needed further out-door treatment and Hull-House rented a cottage in South Haven for those who had passed the sanitarium stage but were not yet able to go back to active life. These girls were sent over in charge of a chaperone, performed their own house work, and were placed practically upon their own responsibility. The result has been that all of them for three months have been free from fever and cough, and have gained steadily in weight. Two of the three girls are now ready to go back to work, and the third will be soon. It is hoped to make the cottage a permanent undertaking to which, as the need arises, cases from the Hull-House Tuberculosis Classes may be sent.

A second cottage in South Haven, which has been leased by Hull-House, was used throughout the summer by various families, who took possession of it for two weeks at a time. The location on the shore of the lake was delightful and permitted of bathing in addition to the usual country activities.

**Public Discussions** From the earliest years of Hull-House, various organizations have arranged for public lectures and discussions. The first of these, the "Working People's Social Science Club," was organized at Hull-House in 1890. Its discussion of social problems was always animated and good natured although every conceivable shade of social and economic opinion was represented. The Club met almost continuously winters and summers for seven years, and from these early conferences the residents of Hull-House were convinced that



Interior of Bowen Hall — ready for Dancing Class

so long as social growth normally proceeds by successive changes and adaptations, such free discussion is most valuable. The groups of men who are first convinced of the necessity of social modification are naturally those most intimately in contact with the failure of existing arrangements, and there is no doubt that many of the difficulties in social reform arise from the fact that these men often lack breadth of mind and historic perspective. Both of these can be best gained through discussion and contact with men of varying experiences.

During the later years of Hull-House, discussions of this sort were held under the auspices of various public organizations and often in connection with conferences covering other parts of the city.

**Trades Unions** Closely connected with such discussions of economic subjects has been the formal connection between Hull-House and organized labor, although such discussion may fairly be said to have begun on the same social basis as other relations. Every year some trades-unions have always held their regular meetings at Hull-House. During the last year those that have met here are the Laundry Workers' Union, the Suspender Workers' Union, and the Garment Workers' Union. The Chicago branches of two well-known federal organizations of working women have been formed here, the Woman's Union Label League and the Women's Trade Union League. Both of them held their first regular meetings at Hull-House and the latter continues to do so. It has also arranged for public meetings in Bowen Hall on the second Sunday afternoon of each month, when subjects of significance to working women and their sympathizers are discussed.

A symposium, "What constitutes a living wage for working women?" was participated in by representatives of every union in Chicago which had women

within its ranks, and was most suggestive. Following is the program of the Women's Trade Union League of last year:

OCTOBER. "Some Equivocal Rights of Labor." Mr. George W. Algiers, Mrs. Raymond Robins.

NOVEMBER. "Labor in Politics." Mrs. Henrotin, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Miss Henry.

DECEMBER. "The Immigrant Woman." Miss Lilian D. Wald.

JANUARY. "Practical Legislation." Miss Anna Nicholes, Mrs. Van der Vaart.

FEBRUARY. "The Investigation by Congress into Women and Children in Industry." Miss Mary E. McDowell.

APRIL. "The Sweatshop." Mr. R. Noren.

"The Displacement of Men by Women in Industry." Miss Irene Osgood.

MAY. "Should the State Establish a Minimum Wage for Women?" Miss Alice Henry, Mr. Abraham Bisno.

JUNE. "International Labor Legislation." Mr. Allen T. Burns.

JULY. Interstate Conference on the subject, "How Can Women's Trade Unions Best be Strengthened?"

The conference brought together eighty-one accredited delegates from women's unions representing six states, twenty-three cities, and thirty trades. The interest of an audience of six hundred and fifty people was maintained throughout the four hours' discussion. Many aspects of the women's trades unions were discussed, but no more practical suggestion was made than that dowries should be provided for women workers through the unions to which they belong. "For many other reasons working women are peculiarly in need of the benefits which they can secure only through their unions, but if they pay dues they cannot save even the little they thus invest in the defense and the promotion of their interests. Therefore they enter what they finely call 'the profession of marriage' handicapped because their employment has allowed them neither to acquire surplus means nor experience in housekeeping and home making. To the union, multitudes of them must look for any compensation for this loss. Union dues are refunded in Germany to the members of Women's trade unions when they marry, and this is also true in England."

The officers of the Illinois Branch of the Trades Union League are as follows:

President ..... Mrs. Raymond Robins  
 Vice-President ..... Miss Mary E. McDowell  
 Secretary ..... Miss Emma Steghagen  
 Treasurer ..... Miss Agnes Nestor  
 Office Secretary ..... Miss Alice Henry

**Equal Suffrage Association** During the campaign for municipal suffrage for women, which was held in Chicago during the winter in the hope of influencing the Charter Convention, various Equal Suffrage Associations were organized. The West Side Branch was organized at Hull-House in March and presented the following monthly program:

APRIL. "The Campaign in Chicago for Municipal Suffrage for Women." Miss Jane Addams.  
 "Women in Politics." Mr. Louis F. Post.

MAY. "Current Events." Members.  
 "The Influence of Women in Public Housekeeping." Mr. Raymond Robins.

JUNE. "Current Events." Members.  
 "The Question of Divorce." Dr. Anna Blount.

Miss Alice Henry is president of the West Side Branch.

**Lectures on Russia** Various lectures have been given at Hull-House during the year upon the present situation in Russia. These have been attended by large audiences, many of them former subjects of the Czar. A suggestive presentation of the present conditions of the Russian Revolution and the effects of the famine was given on December 5th by Mr. and Mrs. English Walling. On the evening of May 12th a lecture on "Russia in Revolution" was given by Mr. Kellogg Durland. An informal reception was held at Hull-House for the Parliamentarians, Alyadin and Tchaikovsky during their stay in Chicago last April. Interesting conferences were also held with the exile Gershuny and other Russians who were passing through Chicago, several of them having escaped from Siberia by way of Manchuria and China and having entered America on the Pacific Coast. An interesting lecture was given in May by Mr. Francis, who has been rector of the English church in St. Petersburg for many years.

**Christian Socialists** From June 1st to 4th a convention was held at Hull-House by the National Association of Christian Socialists, where every phase of the social movement in its relation to the tenets of Christianity was discussed. Perhaps the most telling address was delivered by the Rev. Harry F. Ward of Chicago.

The Italian Socialists have held several meetings at the House during the year and at one of them they were addressed by an Italian Senator, Sig. Bertelli. According to his presentation, the present Parliamentary program of the Italian Socialists closely resembles the program of the Radicals in England.

**Public Anniversaries** On Lincoln's Birthday a notable address was given in Bowen Hall by Mr. W. E. B. DuBois, a professor in the University of Atlanta, the well known author of "The Souls of Black Folk." The audience listened with the closest attention to the brilliant presentation of the traits which made Lincoln the greatest American citizen.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated at Hull-House in various ways, but the Italian addresses given in Bowen Hall in the evening were perhaps the most interesting and certainly the audience was the most demonstrative. The same Italians called upon their American friends later to join in the celebration of Garibaldi's one hundredth birthday, and again in June to celebrate the birth of Mazzini.

Several interesting lectures have been held at Hull-House during the year by the Zionists, notably one on August 18th.

**Greek Lectures** Numerous lectures and meetings have been held in Bowen Hall during the year in which the speaking was either in Greek or in both Greek and English. On September 16, 1906, a rousing Panhellenic meeting was held to protest against the atrocities at Aghialos. Bowen Hall was quickly filled to its utmost capacity and overflow meetings at the same time were held in the theatre, the gymnasium, the kindergarten room and in every available space of the hallways. The American speakers who attended the meeting will never forget the patriotism burning in the faces of the hundreds of young men in the audience, as they listened to a recital of the glories of ancient Greece.

A series of interesting lectures were also given by the Greeks in Bowen Hall during the month of February, among which were a lecture by Mr. Papadakis of Athens with stereopticon pictures of the Olympian games, and a well-attended lecture by Mr. Alex. Economos. Two interesting Greek meetings were held during the summer—a mass-meeting of the Greek Community on July 2nd, 1907, and on August 5th a lecture by Miss Callisperi upon the educational situation in Greece. Miss Callisperi who is a government inspector of girls' schools in Greece, has come to America hoping to secure suggestions for changes in curricula which are contemplated in the Grecian Public School system. She was a guest at Hull-House for several weeks.

**Chicago Peace Society** A public meeting was held at Hull-House under the auspices of the Chicago Peace Society on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 1907.

Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones presided, and addresses were made by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin D. Mead of Boston who had been delegates to the recent International Peace Congress. At this meeting an effort was made to revive the somewhat languishing Peace Society of Chicago and an animated discussion concerning ways and means was prolonged until the late afternoon.

**The National Consumers' League** The National Consumers' League held its annual meeting at Hull-House last October, at which delegates were present from the various

State Leagues, the New York delegation being the largest one. The

routine business was finished in the morning, and the afternoon was given over to a serious consideration of the legislation needed for the protection of working women. The various delegates gave detailed figures as to the increasing youth and helplessness of the women engaged in industry and in department stores.

**Conference on Truancy—Its Causes and Prevention** Convened in December under the auspices of the Chicago Board of Education, held one of its public meetings at Hull-House on Friday afternoon, December 7th. Mr. Bodine, Superintendent of

Compulsory Education, presented the plan of that department for throwing the burden of truancy on the parents. Mrs. Britton of Hull-House spoke of the child who is neglected because of unfortunate home influences, and Miss English of the Farren School discussed the best method of dealing with such children in the school. Mr. Cox of the Farragut School gave his experience in teaching non-English speaking children in so-called "steamer rooms," and Mr. Morse of the Burr School of the sub-normal pupils in ungraded rooms. Dr. Ridlon urged the necessity of medical examinations for every school child, and Miss Lillian D. Wald, head of the Nurses' Settlement in New York, gave a most interesting description of the work which the school nurses have accomplished in that city. Mrs. Van der Vaart, Secretary of the Chicago Child Labor Committee, told of the efforts to provide scholarships which might keep the children in school even when their parents very much needed their present earnings.

Closely following upon the Truancy Conference, several meetings of a committee consisting of representatives from the Chicago Federation of Labor, various child-saving societies, the Compulsory Education Department, settlements and several other public bodies, were held at Hull-House to formulate a law which should protect the young persons between the ages of fourteen and sixteen who neither go to school nor to work. At the last meeting the committee was able to report that such a law had been passed by the Illinois Legislature.

**Investigation Into the Causes of Truancy** An intensive study of the causes of truancy in eight Chicago Public Schools, including a home investigation of eight hundred

truant children, was made during the year and presented in December, 1906, to the Conference on Truancy. The study was undertaken on the surmise that much of the non-attendance at public schools situated in crowded quarters was due to causes quite outside of willful truancy—such as illness, poverty, indifference of parents, unfamiliarity with the language and discouragement on the part of the children. The investigation was undertaken by Mrs. Britton of Hull-House, who had lived in the district for many years and had a personal acquaintance with hundreds of children. The Visiting Nurse Association joined in the undertaking and appointed three school nurses, Miss Bange, Miss Thompson and Miss Farnsworth, who were instructed not only to give their services in the schools to the children who were in need of them,



Children of Working Mother  
Taken from the Report on "Intensive Study of Truancy"

but also to follow up and investigate all cases of absence for which illness was given as the excuse. The Compulsory Education Department of the Board of Education gave most valuable and continuous aid without which little could have been accomplished, and Mr. Capparelli, the Italian officer, was untiring. The principals and teachers in all cases were much interested and ready to give the information which they alone were able to supply.

It was, of course, impossible to do each of the eight schools with equal thoroughness, but three schools were selected in the Hull-House neighborhood for a careful study in connection with the two adjacent Parish schools, one of which co-operated most heartily in the undertaking. An effort was made to account for the whereabouts during school hours of every child in the district who was of school age. It was found early in the investigation that in order to do this effectively for the children between the ages of six and fourteen it was necessary to make some study of the occupations of the children who were just beyond the school age for many times these older children are responsible for the truancy of school children.

The results of the investigation were carefully tabulated and certain remedies were suggested for truancy considered from the point of health, home environment and the various causes which might be modified by the school itself. Investigation was also made into the wages and occupations of children from the same eight schools who had taken their school certificates and gone to work during the selected months. Certain remedies were suggested. It is, of course, impossible to repeat the tables or conclusions of the report in a limited space, but copies of it may be obtained upon application to Hull-House.

**Branch of  
Legal Aid Society  
at Hull-House**

Beginning March 1st, 1906, a branch of the Chicago Legal Aid Society was established at Hull-House for one year. The immediate cause was the desire to further the investigation of the use of cocaine among boys, which seemed to be spreading to an alarming extent, and also to carry forward the effort to protect the foreign venders and

peddlers of the vicinity from the outrages to which they are too often subjected. Two conferences concerning the treatment of the latter were held at Hull-House, attended by the West Side Inspector of Police and other officials responsible for the protection of all citizens on the streets. It is difficult for the Legal Aid Society and others to prosecute such cases of assault, through lack of evidence, and it was hoped that the establishment of a branch in the midst of the foreign colonies would expedite their efforts. The work of the Branch was, however, by no means confined to these two lines. Miss Binford, who first undertook the care of the Branch, was called to her home in Iowa after two months' service, and the work was afterward conducted by Mr. Forstall, Mr. Smoot and Miss Duffy, all of whom were in residence at Hull-House during the conduct of the Branch. The accompanying account of the effort to prevent the sale of cocaine is typical of the work of the Branch carried on in connection with the activities of the Hull-House residents.

**Cocaine Investigation** The work carried on by Hull-House and by other organizations against the illegal sale of cocaine has always been greatly handicapped by the weakness and inadequacy of the existing laws against such sale. When Hull-House first entered this field a city ordinance was in force under which it brought all its cases. These cases were won in the police courts and were then appealed to the higher court, and during the interval before they came to trial in the latter, a new ordinance was passed which superseded the old and contained no clause providing for cases brought under the old ordinance. In consequence, all of the Hull-House cases, fifteen in number, were thrown out and the work had to be begun again. The following years, 1905-6, the campaign was carried on vigorously under the new ordinance, which, however, proved so unsatisfactory that at the end of the year the appealed cases were again all thrown out by a decision of the upper court against this ordinance. In spite, however, of these failures it was not felt that the work had been in vain. A wide publicity had been given to the hitherto secret trade, and the sellers had suffered enough annoyance to make them very cautious and to stop the direct sale of cocaine to minors.

**New Cocaine Law** A new law, preferably a state law, was evidently necessary if the work were to be carried on with real success. During the last winter a new Pharmacy Law was drafted by a committee of the Chicago Medical Society and the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association, and a representative of Hull-House was invited to attend the meetings of these committees and help to frame that part of the law which dealt with the sale of cocaine. Unfortunately, owing to other provisions in the law, it failed to obtain the endorsement of physicians and druggists throughout the state. A new attempt is to be made this Fall, and there is every reason to expect that we shall have a satisfactory law as regards the cocaine trade. With our new Municipal Courts, from which there is no appeal save on points of law, the difficulties of these cases will be very much less, especially as the Municipal Judges have already shown themselves eager to co-operate in the suppression of this vicious trade.

**Co-operation With Juvenile Court** For some years before the care of dependent and delinquent children was regulated by the Juvenile Court Law, various residents of Hull-House had voluntarily acted as "probation officers," going to the police station when necessary, visiting children in their homes, securing proper protection for them in the form of better home surroundings, work or school, as the circumstances demanded.

Since the new law went into operation there has always been a duly appointed probation officer in residence who has given his or her entire time to

the interests of those children of the district who for any reason come within the care of this court. Mr. J. B. Riddle is the probation officer now living at Hull-House, Mr. Hora is acting as his assistant. During the past year Herr von Borosini had charge of a district, which was later taken over by Miss Rich, both of whom are in residence at Hull-House. The probation officers can be seen at Hull-House from 8:30 to 9:30 in the morning and from 5 to 7 in the evening. Since April 1st Mrs. Britton has been engaged in active work for the Juvenile Court Committee, for whom she has made careful investigations of sixty-nine Five-Cent Theatres and of those dance halls which are known to be inimical to young girls.

Various conferences have been arranged for at Hull-House by the Juvenile Court Committee with the staff of probation officers. At one time they were invited to see the work done in pottery, wood, and metal by the children in the school connected with the Detention Home on West Adams Street. The display which filled the foyer of Bowen Hall was most creditable.

Owing to the lack of a large room in the New Juvenile Court Building, which has been erected on the block between Ewing and Forquer Streets, east of Halsted, part of the dedicatory exercises of August 7th, 1907, were held in Bowen Hall. After the introductory remarks by William Busse, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, addresses were made by Mr. Edward J. Brundage, Miss Julia C. Lathrop, Hon. Richard S. Tuthill, Mr. Ephraim Banning, Hon. Orrin N. Carter, Hon. George A. Carpenter, Mr. T. D. Hurley, Mr. Henry W. Thurston, Mr. William C. Hartray, and Mr. Frank I. Bennett.

The reception held in the New Juvenile Court Building earlier in the afternoon was largely attended and much enthusiasm was expressed over the well-designed building and its equipment.

Two years ago a general meeting was held at Hull-House of Juvenile Court Judges and the friends of the movement throughout the United States, and one representative from Canada. Judge Lindsey presided over the gathering, the purpose of which was to organize an International Juvenile Court League. Such an organization has been duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. The executive committee held one meeting at Hull-House during the year, and the organization is awaiting the call of the president for its first annual meeting.

**Juvenile Protective League** A public meeting was called for February 11th, 1907, at Hull-House for the purpose of organizing in the 19th Ward a branch of the Juvenile Protective League of Cook County, the invitations being issued by a committee from the Hull-House Woman's Club. An audience of well known citizens responded to the invitations and were addressed by Judge Carpenter, at that time serving as Judge of the Juvenile Court, by Miss Minnie Low, who has most successfully conducted Branch No. 1 of the Juvenile Protective League, by Mr. Henry Thurston, the Chief Probation Officer of the Juvenile Court, by Judge Going and Judge Sadler, the Municipal Judges, holding court in the Desplaines Street Station. The fifth branch of the League was organized, the constitution adopted, and the following officers elected:

*President*, Dean Walter L. Sumner. *Secretary*, Miss Jessie F. Binford.  
*Vice-President*, Mr. John H. Bolland. *Treasurer*, Miss Harriet Hayward.

The boundaries of League No. 5 were as follows: North, Lake Street; south, Taylor Street; west, Center Avenue; east, the river. The work of the Branch from February to September was largely confined to a district in the region of Green and Jackson Boulevard, in which Dean Sumner has been very active, and to the investigation of the rooming conditions on Green Street made by Mrs. Britton of Hull-House. These reports have been regularly made to the executive committee.



View of Hull-House Quadrangle

**Municipal Museum** A Municipal Museum was opened in two rooms of the Public Library immediately after the World's Fair in St. Louis, in which many of the exhibits of German cities and other material was placed. After a very successful year the museum was obliged first to reduce its quarters and then to abandon them altogether to make room for the growing needs of the library. It is hoped to house the museum in the new City Hall, but pending the completion of the building, the material has been divided between the University of Chicago and Hull-House, where two permanent branches will be established. Various conferences upon the Municipal Museum have been held at Hull-House during the year and Mrs. Hamlin, the director of the museum, has been during the two years of its existence in residence at Hull-House. During the summer she has been making a study of museum installation in Germany.

**Industrial Exhibit** The Industrial Exhibit held at Brooks Casino in March was under the auspices of twenty-two co-operating societies of which Hull-House was one. The series of conferences held in connection with the exhibit were well attended and significant, and brought together the scholar, the trades-unionist and the employer upon a basis of common fact which the exhibit had put into an easily comprehended form. The immediate neighborhood of Hull-House furnished the workers for a typical sweat-shop, and many photographs were taken of bakeries in the 19th Ward and in the ward immediately south of it. A neighboring factory supplied workers who illustrated the great speed which may be attained by the factory worker. A committee of residents, Mr. Hazenplug, Miss Nancrede and Miss Benedict, worked at a series of industrial

tableaux which depicted very beautifully the historical and foreign aspects of basic industries. The members of the Hull-House Dramatic Associations and the staff of the Labor Museum co-operated most generously in presenting the tableaux. The Industrial Exhibit endeavored to cover the industrial geography of Chicago, sweated industries, women in industry, children in industry, industrial education, industrial hygiene and safety appliances. A permanent committee was appointed to consider future exhibits.

**Public Utilities** From the beginning, a constant effort has been made to hand over to public authority as many of the activities which Hull-House had initiated as was found practicable. We had maintained three shower baths in the basement of the house for the use of the neighborhood, and they afforded some experience and argument for the erection of the first public bath-house in Chicago, which was built on a neighboring street and opened under the care of the Board of Health. It is immediately contiguous to a large play-ground which was under the general management of Hull-House for thirteen years, and has lately been incorporated in a city play-ground. The Reading Room and Public Library Station which was begun in the house is continued only a block away. The lending collection of pictures has become incorporated into the Public School Art Society of Chicago. The summer classes in wood work and metal, formerly maintained at Hull-House, are discontinued because they are carried on in a vacation school maintained in the Dante Public School.

Hull-House has always held its activities lightly, as it were, in the hollow of its hand, ready to hand them over to others, for there is among the residents a distrust of the institutional and a desire to be free for experiment and the initiation of new enterprises.

So far as Hull-House residents have been identified with public offices, it has been in the attempt both to interpret the needs of the neighborhood to public bodies and to identify the neighborhood energies with civic efforts. This has been true of Miss Lathrop's long experience as a member of the State Board of Charities, with the work of another resident as a member of the Chicago School Board, and with the efforts of four other residents in their official connection with the Juvenile Court of Cook County. It is perhaps significant that the only political office ever sought from the city by a resident of Hull-House was that of garbage inspector for the 19th Ward. One of the residents held this office of inspector for three years, and her steady enforcement of the law, combined with the co-operation of the neighborhood, brought about a great improvement in the cleanliness and comfort of the neighborhood.

An investigation into conditions is often a preliminary step towards the reforms a settlement attempts to inaugurate in a neighborhood which for many reasons has failed to keep pace with the rest of the city. The moral energy of the community is aroused only when the people become conscious of the neighborhood deficiencies and realize that they may become part of those general movements which make for the reform and healing of such conditions.

It was an indirect result of a careful investigation into the sweating system which resulted in the first factory law for Illinois, which dealt largely with the conditions of the sweat-shop and the regulation of the age at which a child might be permitted to work. Mrs. Kelley, who was then a resident of Hull-House, was appointed the first factory inspector with a deputy and a force of twelve inspectors. Hull-House has naturally been most eager that the Child Labor Law should be enforced and residents have from time to time made supplementary investigations looking toward an extension of the law or its more effective enforcement.

A Housing Investigation, under the auspices of the City Homes Association, was carried on from Hull-House in 1901 by Mr. Robert Hunter and afforded data for much needed tenement house legislation.

As an illustration of an investigation which led to subsequent reforms may be cited the one into the causes of the epidemic of typhoid fever in Chicago in 1902. The epidemic was oddly concentrated in a small area of the 19th Ward, in which were found more than one-seventh of all the fatal cases, although the ward contained but one-thirtieth of the city's population. An investigation into the housing conditions and the defective sewage disposal was carried on by Miss Howe and Miss Gernon of Hull-House, who visited two thousand dwellings. Dr. Hamilton, after an extensive bacteriological examination, made a report showing that living typhoid bacilli were found on the bodies of flies caught in the kitchens of houses which were near open vaults.

The publication of this report led to a final reform in the methods of sanitary inspection, and to a cleaning out of the infected neighborhood, so that a recurrence of an epidemic from the same causes is now impossible.

Miss Hazard of Hull-House co-operated with Dr. Theodore Sachs in an attempt to study the distribution of tuberculosis within a certain area of its prevalence, and, where possible, traced individual cases to their sources. The statistics collected were only approximately correct but will perhaps afford a foundation "on shop and house infection" which has been so ably carried on in Germany by tuberculosis experts. Copies of this report may be obtained upon application to Hull-House.

**Polk Street Play Ground** Since the summer of 1893, Mr. William Kent has very generously donated to Hull-House, to be administered as a public play-ground, the use of a piece of land on Polk Street, 312 by 110 feet, in addition to a smaller lot facing Mather Street. The ground has been used in winter as well as in summer, having been flooded for a number of years to form an excellent skating pond. In the winter of 1906 Mr. Kent sold half of the Polk Street frontage, but arranged to give the play-ground the use of additional lots on the Mather Street frontage, so that the total area is almost as large as formerly. Officer Murray has been in charge of the grounds for eleven years.

As this change in the play-ground necessitated a rearrangement of apparatus, it seemed a favorable moment for the city Small Parks Commission to take over the care of the entire ground, which they did in the spring of 1906. The ground has been fitted up with complete play-ground apparatus and three attendants are constantly in charge. It is of the greatest possible value to the children of the vicinity and it is always occupied to overflowing.

The first meeting of the National Playground Association was held in Chicago June 20 to 22. The residents of the various Chicago settlements were most active in promoting it, realizing as they do the great need of play in the crowded quarters of the city. The public conferences were suggestive and certain addresses were notable contributions to the literature of play. The Hull-House Kindergarten children joined dozens of others from settlements and public schools in the great Play Festival held in Ogden Park on the morning of June 20, and many "grown-ups" from Hull-House stood in the hollow square of 4,000 spectators or joined the folk games and national dances with which the gorgeous play-fest ended.

**Dante School Vacation School** A most successful Vacation School was held during the summer in the Dante School which is attended by many of the small neighbors of Hull-House. One of the school rooms was most admirably equipped for classes in domestic science, including laundry work. The Italian women of the immediate neighborhood were much interested in the school and were constant visitors. Twelve Vacation Schools were held in Chicago this summer, the largest number ever maintained. The board of directors and the teachers of the Vacation Schools and other educators were entertained at a reception given by Hull-House

on Tuesday afternoon, July 13th. A similar reception has been given almost every year since the Vacation Schools opened, but perhaps the addresses have never before shown a more intimate understanding of the needs of the children.

**Sunday Closing** Several meetings were held at Hull-House during July and August in the interest of Sunday closing of the west side department stores. Mr. Klein, who many years ago led the movement for closing these stores on Wednesday and Friday evenings, declared his intention July Fourth of closing his department store on the Sundays of July and August. It seemed the moment to urge that the movement should be general, and its friends were much encouraged when Mr. Kolacek, proprietor of a large department store in the Bohemian quarter, also closed on Sunday, July 28th. For many years the residents of Hull-House have felt the wrong of the long hours for which the west side clerks are employed, and have united their efforts with those of the Retail Clerk's Union and the Consumer's League, in an attempt to regulate the matter.

**The Federation of Chicago Settlements** The regular meetings of this organization are held at Hull-House. The present officers are:

President.....Mrs. Van der Vaart of Neighborhood House  
Secretary.....Mr. Graham R. Taylor of Chicago Commons

The two most interesting lectures given before the Federation last winter were both concerning the condition of immigrants. Miss Emily Balch of Wellesley College who has spent two years in the study of the Slav immigrant, gave a most interesting account of the sources of Slav immigration, and of the conditions surrounding the various immigrants in America.

Miss Frances Kellor of the New York Society for Municipal Research addressed the Federation on the need of protection for immigrant women, especially those who suppose themselves to be entering domestic service. Since that time a Chicago committee has been organized under the auspices of the Illinois Trades Union League, largely through the energy of its president, Mrs. Robins. Upon this committee are represented the various settlements and protective societies of Chicago. The woman's clubs connected with the Chicago settlements have also agreed to place the names of immigrant women who have located in settlement neighborhoods upon their "friendly calling" list.

The Federation of Settlements presented to the Industrial Exhibit their published results of an investigation of the condition of newsboys in the City of Chicago. This investigation of one thousand newsboys was made in two days and nights by the Chicago settlements, each of which had taken a definite district and reported the results to Mr. Myron Adams who assembled the material. The report advocated a law similar to that of New York or a city ordinance like that of Boston, to regulate the conditions of sale and the age of newsboys. Copies of the report may be obtained upon application to Hull-House.

**The Chicago Institute of Social Science**

The Chicago Institute of Social Science which has been maintained by the sheer personal determination of Dr. Graham Taylor and the assistance of the group of humanitarian and settlement people associated with him, is announced for its fifth year as a school for philanthropic and civic work with a department of social research. The curriculum of the institute offers a year's training with lectures, quizzes and much field work. No one familiar with the constant applications for trained persons for all sorts of private and public positions in institutions and societies can doubt that useful and reliable pursuit is open to competent persons who are willing to prepare themselves. The inefficient, untrained, "good" person is passing away, as Dr. Allen has so trenchantly pointed out in "Efficient Democracy." A new department of social research has been opened and a number of fellowships and scholarships are available for the coming year. Miss Lathrop of Hull-House has been added to the directorate and will have charge of the department of research.



Approximately one-half of the annual budget of Hull-House is defrayed by its rents, fees, sales and a small endowment. The remaining half must be met through the generosity of the public. The trustees are glad to receive subscriptions at any time. All checks should be made payable to Hull-House Association.





